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Labour leader visits college project



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## Rent cut offer for traders hit by delay

TRADERS will be able to move onto new stalls at Dudley's revamped market place in the new year.

Work on a £6 million transformation of Dudley Market is taking place. Stallholders were temporarily moved in June from their traditional home in the High Street to the other side of the town centre fountain. It had been hoped they would be able to move back by the end of this month but, due to delays, the date has been pushed back to the new year.

Dudley Council has agreed to offer the traders a 20 per cent reduction in their rent after they reported a continued drop in customers since the project began.

The latest reduction, which runs until late December, comes on top of a 30 per cent cut agreed in April. Len Lenihan, chairman of Dudley Market Traders Association, said traders 'appreciated' the offer from the council.

Regeneration boss Councillor Judy Foster said: "We work hard to create bustling and vibrant market place over the Christmas period."

"We hope this further 20 per cent reduction in their rent will ensure we retain a good number of traders to keep the market running well."

## Free tests on blankets

A FREE electric blanket testing service is offered by Age UK Dudley with Dudley Warm Homes Service, trading standards and Living Well Feeling Safe.

More than 5,000 house fires a year are caused by faulty electric blankets and it is advised they should be expertly tested every three years and replaced after ten.

Booking is essential on (01384) 267004 for sessions at Dudley Fire Station in Burton Road on October 23 and at Elton Centre in Stourbridge on October 24.

# WASTE FIRM IS TOLD TO PAY UP

**THE company behind a proposed waste plant at Brierley Hill is facing paying costs after ditching the original scheme before a planning inquiry.**

Dudley Council and campaign group Say No To Waste - SNOW - have been invited by The Planning Inspectorate to make an application for 'wasted and unnecessary expense' over the Clean Power appeal hearing.

The inquiry was due to take place in June after the company appealed against the council's decision to refuse its planning application for the waste to energy plant off Moor Street in Brierley Hill. But the company abandoned the appeal just a month before it was due, in favour of submitting a new application to the council with added 'air lock' odour controls to address fears over smells.

### Risk

SNOW has submitted a claim for just under £1,000, while Dudley Council is in negotiations over its claim.

In a letter to SNOW, Ken McEntee, from The Planning Inspectorate, said: "In this case the appeal was withdrawn some three months after it was submitted. The appellants' decision to withdraw the appeal when they did needed to be weighed against the risk of an award of costs. This risk was brought to the appellants' attention."

He said the company should have been aware that their actions caused the Brierley Hill SNOW campaign to incur 'wasted or unnecessary expense' in preparing to resist it at the abortive inquiry and 'an award of costs will be made accordingly'.

By Alex Ross

Mr McEntee said that a partial award of costs should be made for expenses incurred from March 21 and the award was on the grounds of 'unreasonable' behaviour.

SNOW spokesman Tim Lee said if the costs could not be agreed with the firm, SNOW would consider applying to the High Court. He said the group's claim was for £985,75.

He added: "It is clear that the appellants were warned at the outset by the Planning Inspectorate that if they were to withdraw their appeal without good reason, then they risked a costs order being made."

"The costs recovered will go into SNOW's fighting fund against Clean Power's new planning application, which is ongoing."

The planning inspectorate has ordered that the council is entitled to a partial award of the costs incurred. The amount of this award is now a matter for negotiation with Clean Power.

A new planning application for the plant was submitted by Clean Power last month. The firm wants to process about 195,000 tons of waste a year, creating energy for up to 10,000 homes, and creating 34 jobs.

## Crew leave picket line to answer 999 call



Calling for a better pay deal — health staff on the picket line outside Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley

AN ambulance crew withdrew from a picket line in Dudley to come to the aid of a man having a fit during the first NHS strike over pay in 32 years.

The workers were part of 100-strong picket line outside Russells Hall Hospital when the 'red' call came through as part of a backlog of 40 calls faced by West Midlands Ambulance Service (WMAS) on Monday morning.

Bosses say the service was unable to respond to 999 calls immediately due to the walkout but a crew of two staff leapt into action when they heard that an emergency call could not be attended.

The man, who is in his 30s, had suffered a diabetic fit at his workplace in Dudley. He was stabilised at the scene and taken to Russells Hall for treatment.

WMAS spokesman Murray MacGregor said: "The staff have their reasons for going on strike but this shows they really want to do their jobs. Even at a time when they were on a picket line their priority was to make sure they are providing a safe service."

Bosses at WMAS said they received 587 emergency calls during the four-hour strike. Mr MacGregor added: "None of the calls we received were

life-threatening. Despite our requests for people to only use the service in terms of emergency, it is a bit concerning that the number of 999 calls actually increased during the strike."

Hundreds of nurses and midwives were among NHS staff joining ambulance workers in the walkout.

Members of six unions including Unison, Unite and GMB were on strike from 7am to 11am in a national dispute over pay. Emergency care, including maternity wards, was unaffected following an agreement by unions and NHS bosses. Doctors and dentists were not involved.

## Target is reached for canal showcase

DUDLEY Canal Trust has secured the final funding it needs towards a new £3 million education and heritage centre, paving the way for work to start.

The Portal will be used to tell the tens of thousands of visitors who go to the site every year about the Black Country's industrial past and its canal heritage.

The project has now been awarded £500,000 by Biffa Award as their flagship project for this year. The two-storey base will be built by the Dudley Canal Tunnel entrance at Todd's End.

A swing bridge would be constructed to enable visitors from the Black Country Living Museum, on the opposite side of the canal, to access the ticket office, boats and heritage centre. Bosses also plan to install a lift to enable people to get to and from the towpath and visitor embarkation wharf.

Heritage activities officer Sarah Fellows said a contractor was due to be appointed.

She added: "The Biffa Award marks the last major grant contribution to the Portal building. Now that is in place, the construction can start very soon on site."

Chief executive of the Dudley Canal Trust, Nick Morris, said funding would be used on an exhibition gallery.

## Firm creates jobs in Lye

AN ELECTRONICS recycling firm will be recruiting new worker after bosses struck a £100,000 deal.

Environcon has announced the creation of 100 jobs across its four UK sites including its plant in Rufford Road, Lye, where 60 are already employed.

Bosses says the numbers will swell after a joint initiative with Cranfield School of Management.

Environcon is the UK's biggest independent recycler of electrical equipment.

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# More illegal immigrants found in lorry

SEVEN suspected illegal immigrants were discovered in the back of a lorry near Stourbridge. The driver of the lorry pulled over on a lay-by on the A491 near Belbroughton, after hearing noises in his trailer on Friday at about 2.20pm.

West Mercia Police discovered seven adults from Iran in the back of the vehicle. The lorry had trav-

elled into the UK from Poland. Paramedics were called to check them over before they were handed over to Border Agency officials.

Kieren Bodill, spokesman at West Mercia Police, said: "West Mercia Police were called to a lorry on the A491. The driver had heard people in the back of lorry and when police arrived a number of suspected illegal immigrants were discovered."

In another recent incident 13 suspected illegal immigrants were rescued from the back of a refrigerated lorry on the M6 when police stopped the lorry between Junctions 10A and 11.

South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson said it showed "very clearly the need for tighter security measures at borders".

It comes just a couple of weeks

after an illegal immigrant managed to hitch a 200-mile ride to the UK on a bus full of students from Perry Beeches Academy in Great Barr.

The 35-year-old man, believed to be from Sudan, had ridden on the vehicle's axle after climbing underneath near the Eurotunnel terminal near Calais. He emerged when the school coach arrived back at Perry Beeches Academy in Birmingham.

## Name of town will return to the college

THE Stourbridge College name will be returning to the town, it has been announced.

It comes as the first phase of a £6.5 million revamp of the Hagley Road campus was unveiled.

The college took on the Birmingham Metropolitan College name following a merger with the city college last year.

### Heritage

But principal at Birmingham Metropolitan College Andrew Cleaves has revealed that the Stourbridge College name will return to the town.

He said: "I have been talking to staff, students and stakeholders in the Black Country in order to gauge people's perceptions of the college and its provision and role in the community."

"I've had a lot of interesting and enlightening feedback, the crux of which appears to be that our college is important to the town and that its name should reflect its heritage and status."

The college also has an academy in the listed Piano Building in Kidderminster town centre and an art and design campus in Brierley Hill.

## Hotel already has bookings

A HOTEL opening in Stourbridge has received a 'huge number' of bookings ahead of opening in December

The 80-bed Premier Inn is to open in Birmingham Street on December 1, alongside a Brewers Fayre restaurant, creating 65 jobs.

A spokesman said: "We've had a fantastic response to the opening of Premier Inn Stourbridge and there's been a huge number of bookings made before the hotel's doors have even opened. The positive response to the hotel shows need for hotel rooms in the historic town of Stourbridge."

## Quiz raises £5k

LAW firm Higgs & Sons has raised more than £5,000 from its annual charity quiz.

The £5,041 proceeds from the Brierley Hill firm's event, that attracted 51 teams at The Venue in Dudley, will go to UK youth charity The Prince's Trust.

# £5m glass museum is backed by officers

A £5m project to build a museum showcasing Stourbridge's glassmaking heritage, is poised to start this year.

The scheme, which will create 23 jobs, has been backed by council planning officers.

It is hoped the visitor attraction on part of the former Stuart Crystal site, opposite the Red House Glass Cone in Wordsley, will be ready to open to the public in 2016.

It is anticipated the museum will attract more than 500,000 visitors a year.

The scheme has been hailed by planning officers at Dudley Council as a 'welcome opportunity to renovate and bring back into use buildings which are of historical importance to the borough'.

The proposals, submitted by Complex Development Projects Ltd, also include 18 apartments built on a separate part of the site and 11 commercial units.

The scheme has been recommended for approval and a final decision will be made by councillors at a meeting on Monday.

The application says: "The proposal would help create jobs and support economic growth, whilst bolstering tourism within the borough".

Managing director of Complex Development Projects Ian Harrabin said: "It's a very exciting project and I'm sure it will have a big impact on this part of the borough."

The firm is waiting to hear the outcome of a bid for £2.15m from the European Regional Development Fund towards the project with the rest coming from grants.

Chairman of the British Glass Museum Graham Knowles said "This is a big step forward. The museum should be open in 18 months time and will be a great new home for the borough's stunning glass collections currently held at Broadfield House and Himley Hall."

Mr White said: "Firstly can I say there was no ban, that term was only used by the media."

"Secondly we were always very clear about valuing the local dialect and only wanted to improve our children's life chances."

"Our intention was not to remove any local culture or identity but to give our children the spoken language skills to compete against the best."

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## Red Lion is roaring back



Landlord in a long tradition — Philip Guy at the bar of the refurbished Red Lion

A LICENSEE claims the area is seeing a pub revival after re-opening an historic ale-house in Amblecote to full houses.

Philip Guy is the latest boss of The Red Lion in Brettell Lane, joining a list of landlords going back almost 200 years, including renowned glass engraver William Fritsche.

Since Furious Pub Company took over the pub in February, £150,000 has been spent on refurbishing the pub, with a complete redesign of the pub interior now competed.

Mr Guy, who formerly worked as manager at the Robin Hood Inn in Stourbridge, has introduced a line of guest ales and ciders as well as beers from Belgium and Scotland.

He said: "I know the banks don't want to touch reopening pub projects because of the numbers closing but this has meant the market has become less saturated."

"People will always want to go to the pub, but they are making more informed decisions about where they drink."

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## Driver on heroin is sent to jail after chase

A BANNED driver was on heroin when he smashed his car into a gate and lamp post after leading police on a high speed chase through Dudley, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

Artaf Hussain, of Slater Street, Tipton, was spotted driving erratically on the Dudley Southern Bypass late on August 27 last year.

When police put on their sirens the 28-year-old sped off in the direction of Netherton. Hussain reached speeds of up to 60mph during the mile-long pursuit down Cinder Bank, swerving across the road before turning onto The Sling.

Jailing Hussain for 14 months and banning him from driving for two years, Judge John Warner told him: "You swerved into a single lane and collided with a gate and lamp post. To make matters worse you then tried to pretend you were not the driver."

Hussain was serving a six month driving ban when he committed the offence. He had been disqualified on two previous occasions.

Mr Brett Wilson, defending, said Hussain's behaviour had been affected by the fact that he was smoking heroin before the incident.

He was found guilty after a trial.

## Bid to cut energy bills

A £430,000 trial scheme aimed at reducing energy bills at schools in Dudley is being launched.

New high-efficiency lighting will be installed and insulation improved at 10 pilot schools in the borough.

Dudley Council has secured an interest-free loan towards the work.

Councillor Tim Crumpton, cabinet member for children's services, said: "We're pleased to announce the loan has now been approved and we are now in the process of carrying out detailed lighting designs at the pilot schools."

## £2m flats project

WORK on a £2.1 million scheme to build homes for people with learning disabilities has begun.

Sites in Norfolk Road, Wollaston, and at The Walk, Sedgley, have been earmarked for flats. Dudley Council has been awarded £385,000 towards the work.

# Miliband delivers apprenticeships pledge



Mr Miliband talks to apprentice Lee Salt, from Rowley Regis

ED Miliband pledged to create a new wave of apprenticeships and called for schools to steer young people towards them when he visited Dudley College.

The Labour leader said that his party in Government would provide apprenticeships with at least one apprenticeship created for every £1 million spent on projects, such as high speed rail.

Labour wants to pass a law to make large companies train a new apprentice for each skilled worker they hire from outside the European Union. It contrasts with the Tory proposal which is to create three million apprenticeships but funded with a further cap on welfare payments.

The Labour leader praised the Ladder for the Black Country project, backed by the Express & Star, which has seen dozens of companies come together to create more than 122 positions in just over three weeks.

### Initiative

"Congratulations," Mr Miliband said. "It's a brilliant initiative."

Under Tony Blair there was a surge in the number of young people going to university instead of into work.

Mr Miliband said: "We rightly had a focus on going to university and that's important but the problem is that, in the process of that happening,

as a country we started to undervalue apprenticeships. You have to change the culture so public and private sector organisations are backing them. It's really important that we don't just improve the numbers, we protect the quality. If we don't do that we devalue the brand.

"We've said if you want to bring in a skilled worker from outside the European Union, you've got to provide apprenticeships. That's to ensure the opportunities are there for young people like the young people I've met today."

Mr Miliband on Friday took questions from students at Dudley College, which is building a £7m campus for engineering and manufacturing students.

# College is designed for future needs of industries

By Charlie Benton

**THIS is the first glimpse inside the brand new £7 million Dudley Advance campus, which will soon be welcoming engineering and manufacturing students.**

Classrooms and workshops will feature computer aided design machines and a robotics suite will also be installed at the college site on Priory Road.

There will also be dedicated training rooms for pneumatics, hydraulics, welding and electronics spread over four floors. The first influx of students is expected in November. Construction work will soon be completed, although some landscaping work will continue into the new term.

### Engineering

Some of Dudley College's existing engineering machinery is being moved from the college's Broadway site but it is also taking delivery of a range of industry-specific equipment, including 3D scanning and printing.

Although some of the work is still to be done, several of the classrooms and workshops have been carpeted and are waiting for equipment.

The cube-like building, clad in zinc and made to resemble a single block of machined steel, is currently surrounded by scaffolding to allow for the finishing touches by contractors Bowmer & Kirkland.

Inside the building the steel structure has been left exposed along with mechanical services and some wiring as a homage to the technology and technical skills used in its construction.

Dudley North MP Ian Austin, who went to school on the site when it was part of Castle High School, was given a tour by Dudley College principal Lowell Williams and Neil Thomas, director of the new campus, last week.

Mr Austin said: "I think the biggest question we face is how we help local businesses grow and bring new, well-paid and secure jobs to the Black Country to replace the ones we've lost. Long-term youth unemployment in the Black Country is twice the national average and we need to make edu-



MP Ian Austin with principal Lowell Williams, left, and director Neil Thomas

cation our number one priority because the only way we'll attract the new investment and jobs on which the area's prosperity depends is by having the skills new industries need.

"Under Lowell Williams, Dudley College has transformed our town centre and this brilliant new technology and manufacturing centre will soon be open, helping local businesses grow, educating young people and helping adults get new jobs too."

A resource centre, Dudley Enhance, is also under construction. It will house a lecture theatre which for up to 100 students as well as a maths workshop and a library and research centre. It will have a social area for students and will be home to the college's new bistro Stir, managed by the college to offer experience for catering and hospitality students.

The new campus also has an Innovation and Enterprise Zone, or business lounge, which local small to medium sized enterprises (SMEs) can use.

### Partner

Neil Thomas, director at Dudley Advance, said: "SMEs are a huge part of local engineering in the area. We want to say to them they can come here and take advantage of the kit and space, and if they want to become a partner, give talks to students and possibly offer up placements, we won't even charge them for it."

The Advance and Enhance campuses are the newest additions to the Learning Quarter, which includes the sixth form building and Dudley Evolve vocational campus, which opened in September 2012 on the site of the former fire station in Tower Street.



Artist impression of the cube-like Dudley Advanced Building



Inside the new Centre for Advanced Manufacturing

Earlier this year the college became the first in the West Midlands to receive the prestigious award for science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) from the New Engineering Foundation (NEF). The quality standard is recognised by the Government's Department of Business, Innovation and Skills, UK Commission for Employment & Skills and The National Apprenticeship Service.

NEF chief executive, Professor Sa'ad Medhat said: "Gaining the STEM Assured status signals to employers that Dudley College has strong and up to date STEM capability."

College principal Lowell Williams said "Gaining STEM Assured is an important achievement for us. These vitally important subjects will be integrated into the college's future plans and development."

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Halloween Hocus Pocus at the zoo

DUDLEY Zoo is hosting a Halloween Hocus Pocus evening on October 31, offering close encounters with creepy crawlies.

Youngsters are invited to dress up in their spookiest costumes for the event, from 5pm to 8pm.

Snakes, spiders, cockroaches will be among the party goers and there will also be a ghost walk to discover what goes bump in the night at Dudley Castle.

Tickets are limited and are priced £8 with children under three free.

Call 0844 4742272 for details.

#### Burst leaves street without any water

A BURST water main in Dudley town centre left an entire street without water for several hours.

Dudley Magistrate's Court and the police station were among the buildings in Stone Street affected by the loss of water on Friday from 9am.

Spokeswoman for South Staffs Water Caroline Maddox said: "We managed to isolate the location of the burst and our engineers set to work immediately."

Supplies were restored by early afternoon.

#### Transport help for 10,000 job seekers

MORE than 10,000 job seekers have been given free travel to help them get back into work.

Centro revealed its WorkWise project, which provides free tickets for unemployed people travelling to interviews or starting jobs, had passed the landmark this week.

Centro has been working with JobCentrePlus in Birmingham, Coventry and the Black Country.

#### Cars and premises gutted in blaze

A CAR business in Lye was gutted in a severe fire, which left two people injured last week.

Fire chiefs said there was '100 per cent damage' to the inside of Hayes Car Centre, on The Hayes, in a blaze that also wrecked 11 cars in the building. One man suffered burns to his forehead and another smoke inhalation.

#### Rare production

A RARE performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's first operetta - Thespis - is being staged by Birmingham Savoyard at The Old Rep in Station Street, Birmingham, on October 25, 3pm. Call 0121 242 2791.

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## THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

IF screening for Ebola fever is introduced at British airports, will it fill you with confidence? If travellers' tales are to be believed, the current anti-terrorist screening procedure seems to specialise in picking on little old ladies from Worthing for full body scans, and waving through anyone in a burka. If the same people were in charge of Ebola screening, they would subject hale and hearty visitors from Finland to the full treatment while cheerfully opening the doors to sickly, feverish arrivals from Liberia. Political correctness could be the death of us.

HAVE you noticed how the various armies in Iraq or Syria never capture a dull, unimportant or insignificant place? Is there a single town in the region that is not key, landmark, crucial, holy or of strategic importance?

ROSAMUND PIKE, star of *Gone Girl*, says some folk these days expect too much of marriage: "People have ridiculous expectations of a mate." How true. You have only to look at wedding photographs from 40 years ago to see how attitudes have changed. In the 1970s we lived under the shadow of the Bomb, so we tended to live for the moment. As far as I can recall, expectations had not been invented. If we had seriously thought about the future we would never have worn those lapels.

A READER takes me to task for referring to over-60s getting the winter fuel payment. In fact, to qualify for the coming winter's £200 you must have been born on or before July 5, 1952. The bad news is younger folk won't get the payment. The good news is that the bad news will probably make them very hot under the collar, thus saving on fuel.

I STAND accused of cowardice. A reader says I lacked the bottle, in a recent item on Fanny Cradock, to mention one of television's best-loved bloopers. It is widely believed that, as one show ended, the great chef's partner Johnnie turned to the camera and said: "I hope all your dough-nuts turn out like Fanny's."



Great yarn, shame about the facts. There is, as far as I am aware, no recording of this supposed incident. The alleged words have been attributed to several others, including Frank Bough. The truth, I suspect, is that it never happened. It just sounds as though it should have happened, which is the basis of so many urban myths.

BARRY Williams shot five people dead in a rampage in 1978. He was locked up in Broadmoor for 14 years until he was judged safe to be released under monitoring. He changed his name to Harry Street, moved to Birmingham, fell out with the neighbours, collected an arsenal of weapons and built a bomb. As you do. He was put back behind bars this week under the Mental Health Act. All of which raises a very obvious question. When the wild-eyed British jihadist trickle back from Syria and are jailed, will the decision to release them be made by the same sort of people who thought Barry Williams was no risk?

A READER tells me he shared my puzzlement on seeing the sales slogan: "Elderly walk in showers." He says he was looking for a new shower, not an elderly one.

ANOTHER reader says she's cracked the dilemma of charities who ask for money but will accept it only through direct debit payments. Cheerfully ignoring all the payment instructions on a leaflet from Water Aid, she simply sent an old-fashioned cheque to the address. It was duly cashed.

I HAVE not given up on the campaign to rename the grey wagtail whose name does not do it justice. I have contacted the RSPB but have not had a reply. Not a chirp.

**Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star**

# Nearly £3m spent on agency staff

MORE than £2.8 million was spent by Dudley schools employing agency staff during six months, new figures reveal.

Casual workers are used to cover sickness absences and maternity leave to ensure pupils do not miss lessons at primary, secondary and special schools.

The latest figures for the borough show that a total of £2,820,335.21

was paid out between September last year and April this year.

Some of the borough's schools spend money to bring in additional teaching specialists and coaches.

Between January and April this year, primary, secondary and special schools spent a total of £1,625,027.58. This was higher than the amount spent between September and December 2013 when the

bill came to £1,195,307.63. The figures have been released by education bosses at Dudley Council under the Freedom of Information Act.

The amount spent per school during the six-month period ranged from £100 to £83,822, according to the statistics.

Individual schools are responsible for making their own staffing arrangements including the hiring

of temporary staff. Money is also often spent on bringing in staff to supervise exams as well as sports coaching, drama and music lessons.

The figures do not include El-lowes, High Ardal, Holly Hall, King-swinford and Oldswinford Hospital, as they have their own financial systems.

In Sandwell, figures show schools spent almost £5m in 12 months.

# Duke pays tribute to donors during tour

By Jon Pritchard

**THE Duke of Gloucester paid homage to organ donors as he unveiled a statue in their honour in Dudley.**

The Queen's cousin was at Russells Hall Hospital to unveil the statue on Wednesday afternoon, October 8.

The sculpture, called *The Gift of Life*, shows a figure celebrating being given a second chance after being handed an organ.

In a speech at the hospital, he said: "This sculpture is in a way thanking those who have made that decision for themselves and their family that they wish for their organs to be donated."

"I am delighted to unveil it to congratulate all those courageous individuals who have donated."

The artwork was jointly designed and created by artists Malcolm Sier, from Wolverhampton, and Paul Margetts, from Belbroughton.

Mr Margetts said: "If you look at the sculpture, the gap in between the two sections creates a heart, which most people associate with organ donation."

The figure is celebrating being given a new lease of life, and the other section is reaching out at the figure, symbolising the person who has passed away."

The 70-year-old Duke was given a tour of the hospital by deputy mayor and chair of the organ donation committee Councillor Steve Waltho.

Prince Richard spoke to staff and managers at the hospital, as well as the family of people who had donated organs.

He also officially opened a new £8.5 million medical centre in Wollaston. The Duke toured the Lon Medical Centre in Lowndes Road, built on the site of the former Foster, Rastrick & Co foundry, which created the Stourbridge Lion, the first steam locomotive sed in America.

Earlier in the day, he was given a tour of the Black Country Living Museum, where he rode on the restored West Bromwich 174 bus.



The Duke officially unveiled a sculpture, entitled *The Gift of Life*, at Russells Hall Hospital during his visit to Dudley



The Duke unveils a plaque from the Transport Trust to mark the health centre's link to railway heritage

## Vulnerable groups are urged to get vaccine

VULNERABLE residents in Dudley are being urged by the council to get their free flu vaccine.

As part of its annual flu campaign the council has highlighted groups who should get the vaccine. These include those over 65, pregnant women and those with underlying health conditions such as respiratory, heart or kidney diseases or those with a weakened immune system.

The vaccine is also being offered to all children aged two, three and four as a nasal spray.

Councillor Rachel Harris, cabinet member for health, said: "For most people flu is an unpleasant illness which lasts around a week. However, for older people, the very young, pregnant women and those with an underlying health condition there is the risk of more serious complications.

"Getting a flu jab is one of the most effective ways to reduce harm from flu and, for these vulnerable groups, it's free, because you need it. So please make an appointment with your GP as soon as possible to protect yourself and stay safe from flu."

For more information visit [www.nhs.uk/flu-web-site](http://www.nhs.uk/flu-web-site).

## Venue now a world buffet

A FORMER nightclub has been reopened as a restaurant, creating 20 new jobs.

The Last Emperor World Buffet, in Level Street, Brierley Hill, opened its doors last Wednesday at the former Millennium Nightclub, that closed 10 years ago.

Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Margaret Aston, attended the opening and owner Abdul Sikdar donated £150 to the mayor's charities.

The Last Emperor has employed more than 20 staff and the venue can seat up to 500 customers.

## Village book fair

BOOKWORMS can enjoy browsing at an event in a village near Stourbridge this weekend.

The book fair will be held at Kinver Community Centre, on High Street, on Sunday. It will take place from 10am and runs until 4pm. Entry is free.

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## Dog dirt lands pet owner a hefty bill

A DOG walker has landed himself with a hefty court bill of more than £460 for failing to clean up after his pet.

Leroy Phipps, aged 31, from Quarry Bank, was spotted in Quarry Bank Park by Dudley Council officers allowing his dog to foul in April.

He was initially handed a £75 on-the-spot fine.

### Refused

But Phipps refused to pay and also failed to attend Dudley Magistrates last week where in his absence he was ordered to pay a £150 fine and £295 costs, as well as a £20 victim surcharge.

Councillor Hilary Bills, cabinet member for environment and culture, said: "This sends out a clear message that we will not tolerate people who spoil our parks and open spaces."

"As part of our Love Your Community initiative we work closely with communities to keep them clean and tidy, and thankfully, the vast majority of people share this view."

She added: "Clearing up after your dog takes a few seconds, but the alternative could leave you with a costly visit to court."

## Apartments in demand

NEARLY two thirds of apartments being created at a deserted office block have already been sold, more than a year before they will be ready.

Seven Capital claims local interest has spurred on sales of 115 out of the 181 flats at the former Point North at the Waterfront in Brierley Hill. Marketing boss Andy Foot believes the remaining 66 apartments will be sold within a month.

The seven-level former office block had been empty for five years since insurance firm Egg moved out and has been re-branded The Landmark.

## Jobs joy in store

CURRYS and PC World megastore at Merry Hill reopened last week following a revamp and took on 25 extra staff to cope with the festive rush.

The 48,000 sq ft store on the retail park near the shopping centre has had a five-week refurbishment.

# Tarby looking forward to Town Hall show



Comedian Jimmy Tarbuck

HE is known for being the face of quiz and variety shows from the 60s to 80s and is one of the nation's best loved entertainers.

Now veteran Liverpoolpudlian comedian Jimmy Tarbuck OBE, known for hosting top TV variety show Sunday Night at the Palladium in the 1960s, which recently made its return to ITV, will host a show at Dudley Town Hall on Friday, October 24.

The show will be a nostalgic trip down memory lane and will feature both photos and video footage

alongside Tarby's famous quick-fire wit.

Mr Tarbuck said: "The tour is going brilliantly so far. I have only had to drop one date because of TV commitments but I have moved it to January."

"I absolutely love Dudley, they're a very warm, loyal audience and Dudley is one of my lucky theatres and always has been."

"It has been a few years since I've been to Dudley but I can't wait to get back there, all guns firing."

As well as Sunday Night at the

Palladium, Mr Tarbuck also hosted numerous quiz shows including Winner Takes All and Tarby's Frame Game as well as hosting ITVs Live From Her Majesty's throughout the 1980s.

Mr Tarbuck, who is the father of actor and Radio 2 presenter Liza Tarbuck, said the show is a sentimental, auto-biographical piece.

He said: "It is my life story, a 'tell them all about it' thing, with a few gags and songs in between."

"The question and answer part is my favourite as you have to think

on your feet. I am really enjoying the tour and I am eternally grateful for all the support people are giving me."

Some of the anecdotes featured in the show include Tarby's time at school with Beatle John Lennon and playing golf with legendary crooner Bing Crosby.

Doors open at 8pm and tickets cost £23.

Call the box office on 0870 3207000 or visit [www.dudley.gov.uk/see-and-do/entertainment-live-website](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/see-and-do/entertainment-live-website).

# Road surfaces going to be re-used to save council cash

**THE Tarmac dug up when potholes are repaired is being recycled in an attempt to save Dudley Council cash.**

The torn-up road surface is being used on footpaths, parks and allotment areas in a move which could save the authority around £36,000 every year.

Around 800 tons of the material is now being reused by the council each year, enough to cover two football pitches.

Dudley is now able to use recycled materials following a decision to use new machinery to carry out road repairs, as it pulls away the top level of road surfacing to create the gravel which is then ready to be re-used.

Transport boss Councillor Khurshid Ahmed said: "I am absolutely delighted with the savings we are creating by using this new machinery and I'm really pleased that we are able to use the recycled materials in such a positive way."

The television talent show will be holding open auditions in Birmingham on October 26, 27 and 28 at the International Convention Centre, Broad Street, from 11am to 6pm each day.

The hugely popular show is looking for wonderful and weird acts for the series to be screened being held next year.

### Celebrity

The open auditions will be held at 11 cities in the UK and Ireland this year with the final auditions in front of the celebrity judges next year.

The show is open to any performer of any age, from any background, and with any talent — all they need is the skill and star quality to impress the judges.

Hopefuls can apply for the open auditions at [www.itv.com/talent](http://www.itv.com/talent) website.

## Couple transformed by triathlon



Mark and Tracy Smith, from Lower Gornal, after crossing the finish line at the Tri Together event in London

A MARRIED couple triumphed at a triathlon after losing 11 stone between them.

Tracy and Mark Smith, had to complete a 400 metre swim, 15km cycle and 5km run at the Tri Together event at the Crystal Palace National Sport Centre in London.

Mrs Smith, who lost three and a half stone in three months, said: "Mark had been wanting to do a triathlon for a few years. I mentioned to him that I needed something to focus on, went out and when I came back I

discovered that he had signed me up to do it with him."

The pair, of Wealdstone Drive, Lower Gornal, took up a strict regime of dieting and exercise to get into shape for the event organised by the Leonard Cheshire Disability charity.

"We were both determined to do it," she said. "We could do all of the separate elements but we hadn't had a chance to put them all together."

Mr Smith who lost seven and a half stone leading up to the event, added: "When our muscles started to ache

and we began to feel tired, the fact that we were raising funds for such a fantastic charity helped us."

Mrs Smith finished with a time of two hours and seven minutes while her husband finished in an hour and 54 minutes.

She added: "Mark could have finished sooner but he did another lap on the bike to make sure he didn't leave me behind, which was sweet of him. He wants to do the Iron Man challenge next year — he's on his own with that one."

## Cloudy2Clear Windows – Service With A Smile!

It's been a crazy few months for Cloudy2Clear Windows. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged by replacing the panes – not the frames has grown rapidly as homeowners take advantage of their services.

Managing Director Brian Stanley feels that it's all about service. "Our product is simple. If your double glazing is misted up we can replace the glass at a fraction of the cost of a new window, in any type of frame, and with a new 5 year guarantee. But it's not just about saving people

money, although that obviously helps. Many tradespeople have struggled since last year and I honestly feel that during the good times a minority perhaps didn't focus on customer care as much as they should have done."

We make sure we turn up when we say we will, do the job the customer requires and leave their house as clean as a whistle. I often get comments back from customers on how they really didn't expect that sort of service which, in a way, is very sad for the service industry as a whole."

Cloudy2Clear service Wolverhampton and the surrounding

area and Brian is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. "The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people



I've done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated."

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## IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews

SOME of you may recall that a few weeks ago, I wrote about a mysterious company calling itself Access 2 Justice bugging me with unsolicited phone calls telling me I was entitled for compensation for injuries I did not receive in a car accident.

Despite my repeated pleadings that the only injury sustained in the collision was to the number plate, plus a bit of light bumper scuffing, the company, not to be confused with the reputable Access 2 Justice Foundation, has continued to bombard me with endless calls.

During the latest call from the elusive company, which does not have a website or any other visible means of contact, I asked if I could have an address so that I could write them a letter.

The caller, who up until that point had been charming personified, demanded to know why I would possibly want to know that, adding: "I hope you choke on your tea." Clearly nice people to do business with.

IN A 'searingly honest' interview with a red top – and by searingly honest, I of course mean attention-seeking – former soap actress Helen Flanagan declared: "I'm a very private person, but I want to be the next Kelly Brook."

Hmm. Would this be the same Helen Flanagan who took to the internet to show off her newly-enhanced assets? Or who had to endure a terrifying raid at her home after taking to Twitter to tell anyone who would listen that she was home alone? Apparently so. Indeed, even the interview in question was accompanied by two pages of pictures showing her in various states of undress.

One hates to think what this 'very private' person will do if she ever overcomes her shyness.

AT last, something to look forward to on television. The Apprentice is back.

Forget the boring bakers, simpering singers, and dreary dancers, people love The Apprentice because it is actually about real life. Of course, the TV bods can't resist trying to manipulate things, deliberately choosing boastful, confrontational candidates who will rub each other up the wrong way. But essentially it is about getting on with the sort of activities we can all relate to, without any 'journeys', 'emotional rollercoasters', tinkly piano music or crying blokes.

However, it is interesting to note that, despite having a record 20 candidates this year, the series is scheduled to run for just 14 episodes. So call me a cynic, but I would hazard a guess that there will be at least one occasion over the coming months where the lovely Lord Sugar loses his rag and spontaneously fires several candidates.

Not that I am suggesting it is stage managed in any way, you understand.



Private George Hinton, served in Egypt and India



Corporal Timothy Hinton was killed in battle in 1917



Private Joseph Hinton, one of four brothers who served

# Family's pride over fearless war hero

**JON PRITCHARD** looks at an exhibition in Dudley about local men who went to fight in the Great War

**HE CONTINUED** bravely fighting while his comrades were wounded, firing his gun at the oncoming German army.

Corporal Timothy Hinton fell in battle in 1917, but not until after he had made history.

It is believed that he was the first man from Dudley to arrive in France in the First World War.

And now pictures and documents from his time on the front line are part of a major exhibition in the town commemorating the 100th anniversary of the conflict.

His death, a commanding officer, would report, was 'noble' in the service of his country and he 'knew no fear'.

## Mons

Corporal Hinton was with the Royal Welch Fusiliers – the archaic spelling of Welsh reflecting its status as one of the oldest regiments – for up to five years before leaving the Army and signing up as a reserve.

He was then called up in April 1914, again with the Royal Welch Fusiliers, who were one of the first regiments to go to France to fight.

On February 24, 1916, Cpl Hinton was transferred to the newly-formed Machine Gun Corps, something his experience with the Fusiliers, with whom he fired the machine guns, would have assisted.

After doing his bit in battles at Mons, Marne, Aisne, Le Cateau, and Le Scarpe, he suffered a head wound on April 16, 1917, and was taken to a hospital in Le Havre, where he died on May 23.

His family later received his Distinguished



Janet Chilton looks at newspaper cuttings about her great-uncles

guished Conduct Medal, and his great-niece, Janet Chilton, has donated items to help tell his story at an exhibition in Dudley on local soldiers who served in the Great War.

The exhibition tells the story of Cpl Hinton's life and death as was reported in newspapers shortly after his death, as well as his three brothers.

The family had lived in The Mambles, on King Street in Dudley, before they went off to fight to serve their country.

Cpl Hinton was one of 15 children born, but Mrs Hinton said that six of

them had died after only a matter of months each.

Timothy, who was 30 at the time of his death, had three younger brothers also fighting in the war, Privates George, Joseph and Ebenezer Hinton.

George Hinton served in Egypt, India and in The Dardanelles, while Joseph served in France. Ebenezer Hinton served with the Sherwood Foresters.

Another Hinton brother, Edward, tried to join the armed forces but was refused on account of him having a reserved occupation.

Mrs Chilton said: "My sister gave my uncle the medal and it wasn't until he died that I researched into what had happened. He enlisted in Birmingham and is now buried in St Marie Cemetery in Le Havre. "When I saw in the paper that there was going to be this exhibition I brought all the information I have in to the museum."

Adrian Durkin, an exhibition officer at the museum, has since helped her research the background of her great-uncle, and he believes he was one of the first people from the area to reach France during the war.

Mr Durkin said: "From looking at the history of the Royal Welch Fusiliers you can see that they were there so he would have been one of the first, if not the first, people from Dudley to go over to France."

"It's hard to trace the records of people who lived because their records were bombed during the Second World War and they were destroyed."

Corporal Hinton was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for his efforts during the war, which was sent to his family after his death. His citation said: "When two of his men had been wounded, he continued to fire the gun alone. Throughout the day he displayed initiative and great gallantry."

Around 12 years ago, Mrs Chilton and her mother, Doris Russon, visited the grave of her great-uncle, in Le Havre with two of their close friends, John and Sheila Shipway.

She said: "It was very emotional when we went to France, more so for my mother. She never met him but we are all very proud of what he did."

The exhibition is full of information and possessions of people from the Black Country and surrounding area, paying tribute to their efforts.

Mrs Chilton added: "When I was researching Timothy I went to the Dudley archive. I couldn't believe how many soldiers had died from Dudley in the war."

The exhibition is at Dudley Museum and Art Gallery until November 2018.

## WEEK IN POLITICS

with Daniel Wainwright

NEITHER Labour or the Tories want to approach the next election thinking about a coalition. The problem is, with the opinion polls still so close after the party conference season, they don't really have a choice.

The Conservatives finally got themselves a lead for the first time in two years. But it's hardly a done deal. For all their attempts to portray Ed Miliband as another Michael Foot, his conference speech was not the second longest suicide note in history.

He forgot to mention the economy and immigration, and that's bad. Even so, what the Tories gained was a lead of only a couple of points, despite their own policies and announcements being generally well received.

David Winnick has been an MP for a very long time. The member for Walsall North wants his party colleagues to put out of their minds any prospect of having to cosy up to anyone else "We have to work all out for a working majority and any question of coalition with the Liberal Democrats or anyone else does not arise now," he says.

But the question has arisen now as it did four years ago. Some people who voted Liberal Democrat might have done so believing there was a chance they would form a coalition with one of the others. Many didn't. Now the party's dwindling number of supporters are left in no doubt that Nick Clegg is trying to stay in government with one or other of the two bigger parties. Neither did Conservative voters put their X in the box expecting to have a party they didn't back taking some of the key roles.

The next election will see the parties have to campaign against each other but not do so with such bad blood left between them that they burn their bridges. So it is an important and perfectly reasonable set of questions for voters to be asking of their MPs and candidates: Who could you work with?

Have party leaders on both sides of the Atlantic painted themselves into a corner when it comes to tackling Islamic State?

Wolverhampton South East MP Pat McFadden questions what may happen by ruling out 'boots on the ground'.

He wrote: "Is war weariness pushing the West back into an unwitting adoption of the Vietnam doctrine of escalation by degree rather than using overwhelming force which replaced it? For our leaders haunted by the recent experience of Iraq and Afghanistan it is worth remembering, the past did not begin in 2003."

The difficulty is it's not that long since British forces left Iraq. And they're only now leaving Afghanistan after 13 troubled years. It doesn't make it right to hold off on saving people from modern-day barbarians. But it does make it all the more difficult to take the country with you.

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## Memories of colourful character Harry

IT is with great sadness that we have heard of the death on September 25, in Australia, of former Walsall Councillor Harry Richards at the age of 93. Harry was born in Bloxwich in 1921, the sixth of 14 children.

Harry was very well known. A canny and colourful election agent, always a smile on his face and a joke to tell, his loud and gravelly voice and those white 'mutton chops' sideburns made him very distinctive.

Harry served on Walsall County Borough Council from 1953 to 1956 (Birchills ward) and again from 1958 to 1959 (Bloxwich

ward). Later he served on the West Midlands County Council and again on Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council from 1980 to 1986 (Pleck ward).

There is a clock which takes pride of place on the mantelpiece of the Ante-Room to the Mayor's Parlour that he presented to the Mayor upon a visit back to the UK in 1997. I have no doubt that tributes will be paid to him at the next sitting of Walsall Council on Monday November 17 at 6pm.

**COUNCILLOR PETE SMITH**  
Mayor of Walsall

## Armistice at Menin Gate

HAS any reader ever considered attending the Armistice Service at Ypres in Belgium where the Menin Gate stands? Battlefield Memorial Tours is a voluntary organisation continuing the work of the late Alex Bull-och MBE, with a three-day, two-night trip to France and Belgium on 10 to 12 November.

As well as the visit to Ypres and the service on November 11, we are also visiting La Coupole where a brilliant museum now stands. This was once the intended site of a V2 rocket launch facility that was rendered unusable by Barnes Wallis' Tallboy bombs.

Pick-ups are available from Walsall and Birmingham International Station. The total cost is £255, please visit [www.battlefieldmemorialtours.co.uk](http://www.battlefieldmemorialtours.co.uk) or contact Brian Long 01629 650780.

**T KNIGHT**  
Solihull

## EU runs our energy policy now

BE in no doubt that it's the European Union that runs Great Britain now.

Why are we risking the possibility of our lights going out by closing down perfectly good coal power stations just to satisfy the EU's carbon emission targets? Whilst at the same time the EU have graciously granted Great Britain the 'final approval' to allow the French to build a £24 billion nuclear power station in beautiful Somerset that could take 20 years to build.

That £24 billion plus the billions saved by scrapping HS2 could be pumped in building hydro electric stations that, unlike nuclear stations, are the real low carbon energy producers and cheaper to run once constructed.

Make no doubt that the EU is now in full control of our energy generating policy but it won't be the French or Belgians sitting in the dark.

**G E FANTHOM**  
Swindon

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## Plenty of places to build new housing

THERE is a lot of talk on the radio, TV and the press about the need for more 'social housing'.

Who for? If this is for 'immigrants', why not convert Cavendish House? It has stood as a blot on the landscape for too long. Use it.

Travelling around the West Midlands, as we do, we have seen lots of empty houses.

In Dudley alone we have seen several developments that have been partially built and just left. Why?

If a developer wants to build houses, do they not require permission?

If so, why doesn't the council insist that they prove that there is sufficient money in their accounts to complete what they propose to start.

On the corner of Bryce Road, Commside and Pensnett Road junction, there is what looks like a 'jail'.

Apparently it was supposed to have been a home for the elderly but it is just an eyesore.

Why do the council not try to find someone to complete what was started, or have it knocked down and something else built in its place?

In other parts of the borough, there are jobs that were started and just left.

We see lots of vacant plots that could be built on.

If the need for housing is so great, why aren't they used?

**P COLE**  
Kingswinford

## Please sort out subway flood

ONCE again Worcester Street subway has flooded after rain. The drainage implemented is not fit for purpose.

This has been going on for several years now and leaves a horrible stinking mess to be cleared up every time.

Engineers I have spoken to say the drainage is adequate but they wouldn't think that if they used the subway to shop daily as I do and get confronted by a wall of water at times.

Please will someone sort this problem as it is a health hazard.

**M MCPHEE**  
Stourbridge



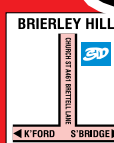
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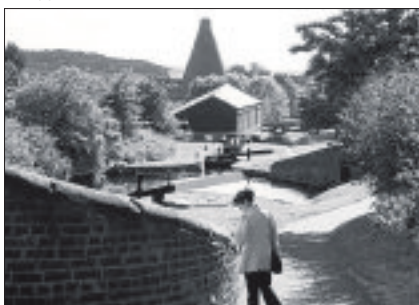
The glass industry was linked to canals



Birchills Power Station near the canal



Caggy Stevens of Tipton, one of the last to horseboat



Stourbridge canal looking down to the glass kiln cone

# Secret history of waterways is brought to life by canals expert

**AS** the industrial revolution took hold in the 18th century, canals spawned a radical new transport that became the arteries of the national economy.

Now, hundreds of years later, after being rescued from decline and neglect, the region's network is experiencing a rejuvenation as a place of leisure and recreation.

In his new book called *Waterways of the West Midlands*, Robert Davies, formerly of Tipton, delves into the unexplored history surrounding the great West Midland canal network.

Through interviews with some of the last great boatmen, he reveals a new insight into its fascinating history including intriguing places and people. The 60-year-old's interest in the inland waterways was first sparked 20 years ago when, after being off work ill, he learned about the early years of the canals from a friend.

Growing up in Tipton, he says he 'could

## MEMORY LANE

Report by Rob Gollidge

not miss' the canals and had always been a familiar element of life in the Black Country. "The West Midlands has made and continues to make a huge contribution to the story of the inland waterways of Great Britain," he said.

"Yes, the Birmingham Canal Navigations (BCN) has lost some of its original waterways, and that is a sad fact, but it is still an amazing place to visit, and its history is rich and varied.

"Add that to the other great associated waterways - the Staffordshire and Worcestershire; the Worcester and Birmingham; the Trent and Mersey; and of course, the River Severn, and you have enough waterways to spend a lifetime exploring."

The book starts off looking at the Stourport and its origin as a canal town. "Stourport is my first choice because, in 1772, that is where James Brindley placed the termi-

nus of his Staffordshire and Worcestershire (S&W) Canal; and what a treasure that town has been for more than 200 years," he said.

Mr Davies also looks at some canal pioneers as he traces the reasons for their creation. "Historical figures are an essential part of this book, and such noteworthies as Boulton and Watt, John Corbett, and Josiah Wedgwood add to the tale of how the canals came to be and how useful they were to the 18th and 19th-century industrialists and entrepreneurs," he said.

"Of course, contrasted with these worthies are the ordinary working boatmen, and I have been fortunate to be able to get the life stories of two to add to our understanding of the last few decades of the industrial canal.

"At a horseboating demonstration at a recent boating rally, a young lady volunteer was heard to say, 'That doesn't look safe. I don't think the canals were designed for horses', prompting older ones to quickly put her right: that indeed the canals, and especially the towpath were designed for

horses, just as much as they were made for narrowboats."

Mr Davies estimates that around 15,000 horses, mules or donkeys were pulling boats on the canals during their heyday.

The book looks at the links between the Stourbridge canal and the glass industry, as well as the industry on the Walsall canals where a man named Jack Haddock captured some of its last working days in photograph.

In the book, Mr Haddock explains: "My first recollections of Walsall were of a view from the balcony of a Corporation tramcar, as it rose over the steep hump of narrow canal bridge en route to Bloxwich. As you approached the bridge, there was the majestic sight of Pratt's Flour Mill with its imposing height and numerous small windows covered in flour dust."

Mr Davies describes himself as a part-time author and full-time canal enthusiast. This is his fourth book published by The History Press, his previous including *Boats, Smoke, Steam and Folk* and *Midlands Canal Carriers*. The book is £14.99.

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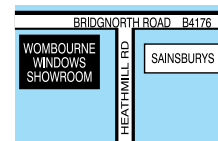
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# Digging into the past to uncover glass heritage

IT has taken eight months of hard toil, involving expert archaeologists, more than 100 volunteers and scores of schoolchildren delicately sifting through tons of soil, to unearth hidden gems in Stourbridge

At the end of the excavation at the site of the Stourbridge Glasshouse College, two of the earliest glass-making furnaces ever discovered in the region were revealed.

The furnaces, which have been hidden for more than 300 years on the Coalbourn Hill and Coalbourn Brook sites, were unearthed as part of a large-scale redevelopment. The latest phase involves the construction of a new car park.

## Distinctive

The furnaces are in the shape of distinctive cones and date back to 1691 and 1692 respectively, and have been resurrected along with an array of artefacts including window glass, bottles, tiles, cut lead crystal and carriage lantern lenses.

The site forms part of The Glasshouse, more formally known as the Ruskin Glass Centre, which serves as a working homage to the glass trade.

Stourbridge was once the epicentre of the UK's glass-making industry, renowned the world over for its high-quality glass products since the early 1600s.

Ian Dury, who runs Stourbridge Glass Engravers, based at Ruskin Glass Centre, and has been involved in the trade for 46 years, hailed the latest discoveries as a 'time-capsule of British glass making'.

He said: "I really can't stress enough the importance of these findings. Stourbridge has a long-standing



Student council co-ordinator Cassie Jones with a glass bottle find at the dig

reputation for producing glass. Anything you could ever think of making out of glass was produced here. It was the jewel in Britain's crown as far as glass-making is concerned.

"There are no records of any cones being found in the area that date back further than the two here. It is a special discovery and something of great historical significance."

The dig started with the emergence of a 300-year-old sepia-tinted map that was handed down through former owners via Envile Estates. The

plans revealed the locations of the two furnaces, which are thought to be the earliest built on the site.

Despite being faded and barely visible to the naked eye, the map proved to be accurate with both furnaces located in the precise positions suggested.

Last weekend the findings went on show for the first time at an exhibition at the Webb Corbett Visitor Centre. The event featured glass painting sessions, talks, glass repair workshops and the chance for young diggers to search for buried artefacts.



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"I cannot stress enough how much pride we take in every window, door, conservatory, orangery we manufacture and install."

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# Police hunt for two men after train attack

DETECTIVES have released CCTV images of two men they want to trace after a serious assault took place on board a train as it approached Stourbridge on the way to Birmingham.

The victims - a man and a woman - were left with head injuries after they were set upon by two men who had got on at Kidderminster. The vicious assault happened as the train arrived at Stourbridge Junction railway station. The victims had been travelling with a group of friends when the assault took place. The woman was punched in the face and the man was struck with a glass bottle during the attack.

British Transport Police has released the images of two men they want to talk to regarding the incident after reviewing CCTV footage from cameras on board the train.

## Night

Police said the assault took place at around 11.15pm on Saturday, September 20.

Detective Constable Dan Hart said: "The victims - a male and a female - were travelling with friends on a train to Birmingham for a night out when a group of four men boarded at Kidderminster and began to interact with them."

He explained: "An altercation broke out and two of the men from the group of four threatened members of the other group, before one of the men punched the female victim and then struck the male victim with a glass bottle, causing a cut to his forehead which required stitches."

"If you recognise either of the men



The first man police want to trace



The other man police want to trace

pictured, I would like to hear from you. "We would also like to speak to anyone who may have witnessed the incident."

DC Hart added: "This was a violent assault which has left the victim with a nasty head injury."

"It's vital that we trace those responsible."

Anyone with information is asked to contact British Transport Police on 0800 40 50 40, or to text 61016, quoting the g reference: MSUB/B6 of 10/10/2014.

But information regarding the pair can also be passed anonymously to the police via the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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# 14 Male voices are needed for choir

Stourbridge Chronicle Thursday, October 16, 2014

MEMBERS of a Worcestershire choir are seeking more male voices. The New Dimensional Experience Choir are seeking vocal support as they prepare to perform with Russian musicians.

Choir administrator Ann Carroll said: "We are hosting a visit by the White Russian Central Band at Kidderminster Town Hall on November 25 and would like more singers to swell our numbers. We have about 46 singers but can take many more. We particularly want to attract more male singers. We only have about ten male voices but would like to see these numbers increased. We need more lower range voices."

The Russian Spectacular is a music and dance extravaganza featuring musicians and dancers from Belarus. Call Ann Carroll on 01562 630816.

# £5m heritage lottery cash will boost tourism at castle

**THE FUTURE** of an historic attraction in north Worcestershire has been secured with the help of a £5 million Heritage Lottery Fund grant.

Hartlebury Castle is now set to become a major tourist destination.

Hartlebury Castle Preservation Trust, with partners Worcestershire County Council and Museums Worcestershire, said the money would enable them to preserve the Grade I listed building and its valuable assets.

By Sue Smith

The trust can now buy Hartlebury Castle with its surrounding 43 acres of parkland and embark on programmes for conservation and activities.

Along with Museums Worcestershire, the trust plans to make the castle, the Hurd Library which contains many rare books, and museum collections and gardens into an integrated visitor destination.

Detailed business and conservation plans for the former home of the bishops of Worcester were developed with the help of a previous Heritage Lottery Fund award of £413,700.

Raynham King, head of Heritage Lottery Fund West Midlands, said: "I'm very pleased that the fund is able to support this project with £5 million of lottery players' money."

"The purchase will ensure that Hartlebury Castle with its distinctive architecture and the Hurd Library is saved for future generations. We applaud the trust's vision to welcome more visitors and bring the stories and site to life."

# Royal honour for headteacher

HEADTEACHER Gillian Cartwright, from Old Park School in Brierley Hill, has been presented with an OBE by the Queen in a ceremony at Buckingham Palace.

Mrs Cartwright, from Stourbridge, received her honour for services to education, after she took over at the helm of the school when it was in special measures in 2002 and has since delivered its second 'outstanding' rating.

She said: "It was an amazing experience. The Queen was lovely, wonderful, she was very interested in hearing about the school, the children, and I told her how pleased the children were that I was going to meet her."

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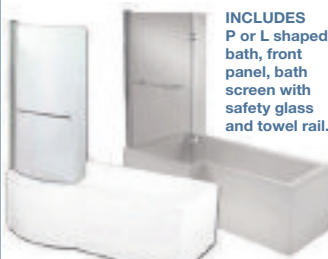
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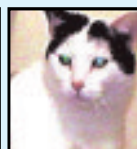
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## New boss for wildlife group

A NEW boss has been appointed at the Black Country major wildlife charity.

Georgia Stokes has joined Birmingham and the Black Country Wildlife Trust as its new chief executive. She joins from Northfield Eccentre in Birmingham, where she has worked for the past six years. She said: "The Wildlife Trust for Birmingham and the Black Country is a brilliant organisation with a track record in delivering projects to benefit local wildlife that is unrivalled. I cannot wait to get started. There is a lot of work to do to ensure that we build on the superb achievements of the last few years."

Nick Hammond, the trust's acting chief executive, said: "I feel very happy to be handing over to Georgia. She has all the skills needed to build on the very good foundation here. There are some exciting possibilities for enhancing green spaces and nature in Birmingham and the Black Country."

The trust has 10,000 members.

# Campaigners support bid by councils to run the railways

**RAIL campaigners have backed plans by councils to take over the management of train services.**

Proposals, put together by 14 local authorities are intended to give them a greater say over the next franchise and the ability to set fares.

The councils will work under the name West Midlands Rail. The body brings together Wolverhampton, Walsall, Sandwell, Dudley, Birmingham, Coventry and Solihull, who all fund transport authority Centro, as well as Staffordshire, Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin, Worcestershire, Warwickshire, Herefordshire and Northamptonshire councils.

West Midlands Rail has submitted a case to the Department for Transport (DfT) to take over

the management of local services to Birmingham from 2017, with the franchise being awarded by the DfT and operated by a private company. Services are currently operated by London Midland.

Ian Jenkins, from Campaign for Rail, said the case for devolution is 'strong'.

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He said: "Services on Merseyside, in Scotland and in London are managed by devolved bodies, and are of better quality than those provided at present in the West Midlands."

"Local rail passengers want to see improvements to their services and better value for money. The performance of London Midland has continued to be appalling with frequent cancellations owing to staff shortages due to their poor planning and management, and the DfT has not taken action."

"Regional rail services are better managed locally than by DfT. We would hope West Midlands Rail would ensure the better delivery of services that passengers rely on for work and leisure — and will take swifter action if the franchisee does not keep their promises than the mandarins in Whitehall."

A business case has been sent to DfT for consideration and it is understood that a decision will be made by the Secretary of State before the end of the year with the franchising process beginning in 2015.

London Midland has said it supports the idea of devolution.

## Hair salon to help charity

STAFF and customers at a Kingswinford hair salon will be tickled pink for charity as part of a charity fundraiser.

Mojo's hair salon, in Cross Street, will host two days of pink-themed fun to help raise money for breast cancer awareness.

On October 24 and 25, staff will don pink wigs and clothes while customers will be treated to a glass of pink fizz and cakes. Customers can also win a free cut and blow dry, beauty products and more.

Salon owner and stylist Jo Prosser, who opened Mojo's nine years ago, said: "We're really looking forward to having some fun in the salon pampering our customers while helping to raise money for such a good cause. It's a charity that is very close to my heart as my aunt was diagnosed with breast cancer last year. Thankfully she now has the all-clear."

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## Undersea world inspires body art



Liesl Despy, of Selly Oak, models at the body art convention

IT'S face painting but on a far grander scale. Body artists and enthusiasts from across the world descended on the Black Country for a convention showcasing their talents.

Models were painted from head to toe in colourful, eye-catching and thought-provoking designs all inspired by the sea.

Hundreds of people turned out to the event, which is the largest of its kind in the UK, at the Copthorne Hotel in Brierley Hill.

Artists and enthusiasts travelled from America, Norway and Italy to take part. From paint pallets to prosthetic fins and sea-shells — an array of designs were brought to life in demonstrations. Many had come to see American Dutch artist Bihary, who is based in Seattle and has made a name for himself in the industry.

It can take up to eight hours for the designs to come to life as they are carefully painted on to the models.

The UK Face and Body Art Convention was created by Rosemary Watson, who established face painting company Rainbow Faces in Shropshire 20 years ago.

## Rural roads riskier than the motorways

SEVENTY two drivers in the West Midlands were killed on country roads and almost 500 were seriously injured over a year, new figures reveal.

A campaign has been launched to get people to slow down on country roads as statistics show they are 11 times more likely to be killed on rural lanes than on motorways.

The Department for Transport (DfT) has revealed a third of West Midlands drivers have had a near miss or collision on a country road with 72 fatalities and 486 serious injuries on rural roads in a year.

The DfT's Think! campaign said 60 per cent of people killed on Britain's roads die on rural roads and new research shows many more drivers are putting themselves at risk of an accident.

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## Annual show is hailed as a success

Wall Heath Horticultural

THE monthly meeting on Tuesday October 7 welcomed Derek Higgot as the speaker. Derek came from Shugborough and gave an interesting talk and demonstration on proper pruning practice.

He brought along specimens for demonstration and gave a very well explained talk and demonstration interspersed with humour and great expert knowledge. Derek has worked at Shugborough since the age of 16. A very good presentation of ideas for members to take away with them.

He opens his own Secret Garden at times which is linked in with The National Garden scheme.

The annual Wall Heath Show, held on Saturday, September 13 was a great success bringing in many more exhibitors and crowds of people, who enjoyed an afternoon out for no cost.

The well known show is put on each year by the Wall Heath Flower Club and The Wall Heath Horticultural Guild.

Thanks go all those local traders who supply generous raffle prizes and all the help and support given from The Wall Heath clubs in general, especially the home made cakes for refreshments and afternoon tea.

Many thanks to the ladies of the flower club for their contributions.

The presentation of the annual show awards will be held on Tuesday November 4. New members are always welcome.

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month.

# Speaker not thrown by questions fired

## Confessions of an artist from guest

CHAIRMAN Susan Farnath welcomed 75 members and five guests to the the Lindens, Tettenhall Road.

She welcomed speaker Geoff Tristram and asked members to join in a short silence in memory of two past members, Joan Hopington and Eve White who had recently died.

After this, she said Grace. The menu was iced melon, loin of pork with creamy mustard sauce, treacle sponge pudding with custard, followed by tea or coffee with mints.

The chairman mentioned there would be a Festival of Remembrance on Sunday November 2 at 2pm. in the Wulfrun Hall, Wolverhampton to commemorate 100 years since the start of the First World War. Tickets are £5.

The speaker gave his

W'ton Women's Luncheon Club

talk, entitled 'Confessions of an artist'. He lived in Quarry Bank and at a young age made a plywood sheep for a nativity play. This was found at the school quite recently, hidden away, and then presented to him.

He later went to art college in Wolverhampton and had travelled all over the world with his art. Geoff showed slides of his work - with an amusing story about each - including illustrations for book covers, council literature and stamps, portraits, caricatures and paintings.

He also brought jigsaw puzzles, tins, puzzles and paintings of cats for the sales table. Ann Kavanagh gave the vote of thanks.

Clent Gardening Club

DUNCAN Coombs was the speaker at Clent Gardening Club on September 26.

He spoke on 'ponds, marginals and bog gardens', ranging from just the small one in the home garden to the large ponds in places like Hartlebury Castle.

He also showed slides on the various types of wildlife to be found in ponds and bog gardens. The audience kept throwing questions at him at the end of his lecture, but nothing caught him out.

A large number of members turned out for this talk on a beautiful September evening.

The chairman announced there would be several vacancies on the committee at the end of the year and asked for volunteers to come forward.

The flower show on September 6 was reported to have gone well, although on a smaller scale than last year.

On October 24 Chris Edwards will talk about garden birds.

For more details on the club visit [clentgardeningclub.wordpress.com/](http://clentgardeningclub.wordpress.com/) or call chairman Pat Orme on 01384 394451.

## Harvest auction raises £82

ON September 4, the ladies gathered to enjoy the Harvest Supper.

Chairman Sheila Evans welcomed everyone back after the August break. She reported Nadine and June were making steady progress after their recent operations. Business matters were dealt with quickly.

Sheila asked anyone interested in going to the lunch at The Punch Bowl, Bridgnorth, on November 20, to add their name to the

Kingswinford Ladies Social Circle

list. The ladies then enjoyed a delightful buffet prepared by the committee. Sheila auctioned the Harvest gifts in her own inimitable fashion and raised £82.

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## Going bake in time at the living museum



Museum baker Carol Johnson kneading the dough ready for new baking displays at the Black Country Living Museum

WITH The Great British Bake Off helping to reignite the nation's love of baking, the Black Country Living Museum is showing how it was done in days gone by.

Every day bread is baked in the coal fired cast-iron oven with visitors given the chance to watch the baker at work.

Abby Bird, of the museum, said: "Bread was an essential component of the working class diet during the 19th century, with a much larger proportion of wages spent on loaves than today. Our on-site bakery allows visitors to see the process of how it was made from start to finish, using nothing but coal-fired ovens and a lot of elbow grease."

The coal-fired bakery from Oldbury is representative of the small independent bakeries once a part of every town during the Victorian and early 20th century eras. In Wednesbury alone there were 31 bake houses in the 1920s.

The museum's bakery, which dates back to 1844, continued in business until 1952 when last baker Samuel Harvey retired. When the museum rescued the building in 1977 it was entirely derelict with virtually no roof remaining.

It was carefully rebuilt brick-by-brick at the museum and the interior completed with fittings from Clarke's bakery in Mount Pleasant, Bilston.

## Rock tour is Cherry on the cake for student

A STUDENT from Stourbridge is living a rock and roll dream with American band Black Stone Cherry during their major arena tour of 21 cities across Europe.

Connor Di Leo, aged 18, who is studying BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Music Performance at Kidderminster College, is touring with the band for 30 days providing technical support and ensuring the drum kit is prepared.

The tour, which started on October 3, includes a date at the LG Arena on October 30.

By Sue Smith

Connor will also be showcasing his own musical talents by providing warm-up entertainment on the Forum Stage at the Birmingham venue with his band The Wychbury Cartel.

Made up of Connor, Alec Jacobs and Lucas Rock-Hyland, The Wychbury Cartel has just released their debut EP Who Put Bella in the Witch Elm, inspired by the infamous wartime murder mystery in Hagley.

Connor said: "I have been a big fan of Black Stone Cherry for some years and have got to know the drummer, John Fred Young, very well. The two of us have visited the Worcestershire

grave of legendary drummer John Bonham recently.

"To have the opportunity to go on this major tour with the band is a dream come true for me and I am really looking forward to it," said Connor. "I went to Kidderminster College to study Music Performance and I love it and am really enjoying the opportunities it has given me. My tutor, Andy Edwards, is himself a renowned drummer and I have learned so much from him."

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## Earnest attempt to rethink Wilde

SEVERAL of Britain's favourite veteran actors feature in director Lucy Baileys' 're-imagining' of Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest* at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre.

Wilde's witty lampooning of Victorian hypocrisies is presented as a performance by fictional amateur theatre group The Bunbury Company of Players. However, these 'amateurs' include Nigel Havers, Martin Jarvis, Cherie Lunghi, Christine Kavanagh and, as the formidable Lady Bracknell, Siân Phillips. It is staged from Tuesday to Saturday, October 21 to 25.

Dame Janet Suzman is in Solomon and Marion, set in post-apartheid South Africa, at Birmingham Rep Studio until November 1.

## Disney on Ice and Grand dinosaurs

MICKEY Mouse, Minnie Mouse and their friends from Disney's *Mulan*, *The Lion King* and *Pinocchio*, and Disney/Pixar's *Finding Nemo*, *The Incredibles* and *Toy Story*, take to the ice for a grand celebration in *Disney On Ice* celebrates 100 Years of Magic at the NIA Birmingham from October 22 to November 2.

Other children's shows coming up include *Dinosaur Zoo* at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre for daytime shows from October 23 to 25.

Musical adventure *Rainforest Symphony* is at Birmingham Rep's The Door on Saturday for four daytime performances.

# Stax of hits as Blues Brothers guitar legend is to play Robin 2

## Top that for 1930s glamour

TOP Hat brings the glamour of Hollywood's golden age to the stage at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from Tuesday.

Based on the RKO movie and featuring the music of Irving Berlin, this romantic revival of 1930s style and sophistication will feature a cast full of West End experience. This includes acclaimed tap dancer and leading man Alan Burkitt as Broadway sensation Jerry Travers, Charlotte Gooch from the London production of *Dirty Dancing* as society girl Dale Tremont, and Rebecca Thornhill, from the recent London run of *From Here To Eternity*, as Madge Hardwick.

Featuring such songs as *Cheek to Cheek*, *Puttin' on the Ritz* and *Let's Face the Music & Dance*, the musical is staged until November 1. For more information call the box office on (01902) 429212 or see [www.grandtheatre.co.uk](http://www.grandtheatre.co.uk)



Alan Burkitt and Charlotte Gooch will be dancing cheek to cheek at the Grand

**A GUITAR legend who has played with musical greats, from Otis Redding to Bob Dylan, is coming to Bilston venue The Robin 2 next Thursday, October 23.**

Steve Cropper, 72, who was house guitarist for Stax Records in the 1960s, will join former members of The Animals at the Mount Pleasant venue.

The Missouri-born guitarist and producer was a member of Booker T and the MGs and backed John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd as part of the Blues Brothers Band in the classic 1980 movie. He co-wrote (*Sittin' On*) *The Dock Of The Bay*, *Knock On Wood* and *In The Midnight Hour*.

The band will include former drummer with George 60s hit-makers The Animals, Jon Steel, and the House of the Rising Sun outfit's post-Alan Price keyboardist Mickey Gallagher, who was also one of Ian Dury's Blockheads and keyboard man for The Clash.

Support comes from seven-piece Midlands Mod band Stone Foundation.

Tickets are £18.50 in advance or £20 on the door.

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Soul hero Steve Cropper

ported by Bewdley's Becky Hill, O2 Academy, Birmingham, and that's the same night Toyah returns to her home city to play The Institute in Digbeth.

Meanwhile, Holly Johnson, the former voice of Frankie Goes To Hollywood, will be performing his solo and Frankie hits at The Institute on Sunday, the same night Ed Sheeran starts a two night stint at the LG Arena.

Cambridge band Clean Bandit, whose *Rather Be* is one of the biggest hits of this year, play the O2 Academy on Wednesday.

## The final Paige for West End star

THE first lady of British musical theatre Elaine Paige is marking her 50th year in showbusiness with a farewell concert tour, including a performance at Symphony Hall, Birmingham, tomorrow night (Friday).

At the time of going to Press there were only a few tickets left for Paige by Page by Paige, in which the singer, actress and broadcaster looks back at an illustrious career, including her starring roles in *Evita*, *Cats* and *Chess*.

Other musical highlights this week include Simon Cowell's *Popera* stars Il Divo with Miss Saigon star Lea Salonga at the LG Arena on Saturday. The Bands of the Royal Air Force are in concert at Symphony Hall on Sunday.

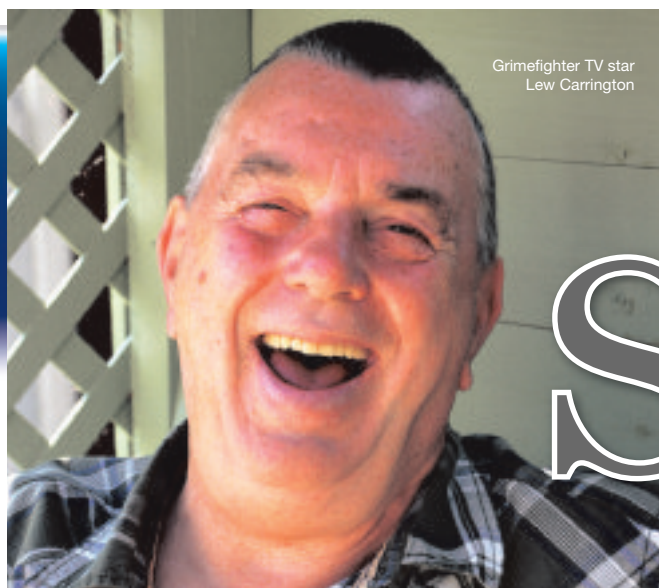
## Sea shanties from Cornwall

CORNISH choir the Fisherman's Friends are back on the road, following a tragedy last year when singer Trevor Grills and tour manager Paul McMullen were killed in an accident.

The sea shanty singers from Port Isaac will be entertaining their fans at Birmingham Town Hall on Sunday.

Drawing from a repertoire reaching back 200 years, they embrace songs not only from Cornwall but Ireland, Africa, the West Indies and America.

They perform the night after folk singer and virtuoso fiddler Seth Lakeman plays for a sold out crowd at the same venue.



Grimefighter TV star Lew Carrington

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# Star quality

## Lew gets last laugh with failing teeth

LEWIS Carrington was born to be a star. A natural funnyman, he won the nation's hearts in the TV documentary *Grimefighters*. Known as Lew to his friends, he laughs easily as he recalls his brush with fame and as the unlikely adopted ambassador for the city of Wolverhampton.

Topping 1,500 members of his *Grimefighters*' Fan Club on social networking website Facebook, Lew had his supporters clamouring for him to appear in the New Year's Honours list.

Still a well-known character on the city streets four years after sharing his unique take on life before the cameras, Lew is now enjoying retirement from his life of grime

and a cameo appearance on Harry Hill's *Get Toasted*.

But hidden beneath the smiles and priceless one-liners, the jovial comic genius was struggling with another often-comedic subject – dentures.

And indirectly, the former environmental waste operative owes his celebrity status to an ill-fitting set of them. "I could have retired from the council earlier, but wanted to save enough money to get my problem fixed," says Lew.

Wife Gill adds: "He'd seen the stories in the papers about how other people had their problems sorted out and had also done a lot of internet research."

Lew, aged 67, of Wednesfield, was cared for by Steven Burchell Dip CDT RCS(Eng) GDC108353, principal at the Denture Clinic and Jonathon Pugh BDS MSc (Implant Dentistry) GDC 62663, principal of Total Implant Solutions in Tettenhall Road, Wolverhampton.

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Says Lew: "I was using a bucket-load of fixative just to keep my teeth in. They'd be okay for half-an-hour and then they'd be dancing all over the place."

"My top denture wasn't too bad, but the lower moved all around with eating and laughing was risky. I'd had the trouble for years – every time I'd have a bit of tough steak, I was done for."

"I was a bit apprehensive, but I need not have been. I had two implants to stabilise my lower denture and I never felt a thing. I expected a lot of discomfort, but after a couple of days I was absolutely fine."

"Steve made me the over-dentures for the bottom and a new top set of teeth. They are absolutely great. Nothing was too much trouble for any of the friendly staff and going to see Steve was a pleasure."

"Going to the dentist had never been

so good and I am over the moon with the results."

On his star role in *Grimefighters*, Lew recalls: "There were some funny moments. We'd had a call to pick up a dead cat in Penfields. They said the animal was on the end of a drive. I looked everywhere and couldn't see it."

"There was a charity collection going on in the road where people had left clothing in bags for pick up. By the time I'd found out that the cat had been put into one of them, it had been collected by the charity and the van was disappearing down the road."

"Somebody was going to get a surprise," adds Lew with a wry smile.

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## CHOICE



David Attenborough

**The Jonathan Ross Show (ITV, 10.20pm)**

New series. The host is back – and he's starting as he means to go on with a very impressive line-up of guests. Jonathan is joined by legendary broadcaster David Attenborough, whose ambitious new natural history series, *Life Story*, begins on BBC One this week. He isn't the only TV big-hitter taking up residence on the sofa, as Jonathan also chats to Mel B and her fellow X Factor judge Cheryl, who is giving her first interview since she became Mrs Fernandez-Versini. Hollywood is represented by actor Steve Carrell, star of *The 40 Year-Old Virgin* and the voice of Gru in the *Despicable Me* films, while music comes from Paolo Nutini – unless Jonathan can persuade Mel and Cheryl to give us a song as well.

## BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast.** 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** James Martin: Home Comforts. **12.00** BBC News: Weather. **12.10** Football Focus. **12.50** Saturday Sportsday. **1.00** Bargain Hunt. **2.00** Homes Under the Hammer. **3.00** Escape to the Country. **4.00** Final Score. **5.20** BBC News: Regional News: Weather. **5.40** Pointless Celebrities.

**6.30 Strictly Come Dancing.** The pro-celebrity couples dress up to the nines for another ballroom battle, and are all smiles as they bid to get their names near the top of the leaderboard while secretly hoping their rivals fall flat on their faces during their routines. Whatever the quality, another pair will be leaving tomorrow – and the ultimate decision will be down to judges Len Goodman, Bruno Tonioli, Craig Revel Horwood and Darcy Bussell. Tonight they have their say on the performances and give their scores as usual, while Tess Daly keeps things ticking over and Claudia Winkleman gets the celebrities' reactions as they leave the dance floor.

**8.25 Doctor Who.** Clara faces a menace from another dimension, an enemy that exists beyond human perception. She has people to save, but it proves impossible when the walls provide no protection.

**9.10 Casually.** A man dies from a mysterious injury, leaving Connie wondering whether she missed something. Cal and Ethan discover a rare virus that connects two patients. Hospital drama, starring Amanda Mealing, George Rainsford and Richard Winsor as the emergency medics.

**10.00 The National Lottery Live.** Gaby Roslin reveals the numbers for the Lotto and Thunderball draws.

**10.10 BBC News: Weather.**

**10.30 Match of the Day.** Gabby Logan presents highlights of the latest Premier League clashes, which included Arsenal v Hull City at the Emirates Stadium and Everton v Aston Villa at Goodison Park; National Lottery Update.

**11.55 The Football League Show.** Manish Bhasin presents highlights and all the goals from the latest fixtures in the Championship, League One and League Two, including Reading v Derby County.

**1.15** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.20** BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.00** This Is BBC Two. **6.35 Film:** The Magic Box. (1951) **8.20 Film:** The Story of Vernon and Irene Castle. (1939) **9.50** The Trials of Life. **10.40** The Trials of Life. **11.30** Map Man. **12.00** Rick Stein's Mediterranean Escapes. **1.00** Film: Rock Around the Clock. (1956) **2.15 Film:** Guys and Dolls. (1955) **4.40** Flog It! **5.30** The £100K House: Tricks of the Trade. **11.00**

**6.30 Gardeners' World.** Monty Don has timely advice on getting gardens ready for winter, while Carol Klein meets a nurseryman in Herefordshire to witness the seasonal beauty of the Japanese maple. **11.00**

**7.00 Restoring England's Heritage.** Tom Holland visits buildings on the English Heritage "at risk" list – a back-garden windmill in East Sussex, a dockyard church in Sheerness on the Isle of Sheppey and Hadlow Tower.

**7.30 Penguins – Spy in the Huddle.** Having grown up and become independent, all the penguins leave for the sea, tackling the same hazards as their parents before them. **11.00**

**8.30 Dad's Army.** A secret weapon goes haywire and threatens Walmington-on-Sea, so Mainwaring and his platoon speed to the rescue in Corporal Jones's van. **11.00**

**9.00 Schema on Rembrandt: Masterpieces of the Late Years.** Simon Schema celebrates the masterpieces that Rembrandt created in later life, paintings he believes speak more directly about the human condition than the artist's earlier works. Shown to coincide with the National Gallery's major exhibition on the artist's later works.

**10.00 The Culture Show: Rankin Shoots Rembrandt.** The photographer interprets the Dutch master's portraits of old age.

**10.30 QI XL.** Extended edition. Lloyd Langford, Victoria Coren Mitchell and Jack Whitehall join regular panellist Alan Davies as host. Stephen Fry asks questions about literature and language.

**11.15 Film: The Way.** (2010) Premiere. A doctor decides to complete the historical journey through the Pyrenees that his son died while making. Comedy drama, starring Martin Sheen.

**1.20** TOTP2. **2.15** This Is BBC Two.

## ITV

**6.00** CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Pat & Stan. **6.35** Pat & Stan. **6.40** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. **6.50** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. **7.00** Animals. **7.10** Animals. **7.20** Signed Stories: Share a Story. **7.25** Sooty. **7.40** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. **7.50** Matt Hatter Chronicles. **8.20** Horrid Henry. **8.30** The Munch Box. **9.25** The Hungry Sailors. **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. **11.20** ITV News: Weather. **11.30** Storage Hoarders. **12.30** May the Best House Win. **1.30** Film: Columbo: Forgotten Lady. (1975) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk and Janet Leigh. **3.35** Film: The Lost World: Jurassic Park. (1997) Dinosaur adventure sequel, with Jeff Goldblum. **6.05** Regional Programme: Weather. **6.15** ITV News: Weather.

**6.30 New You've Been Framed!** Surreal comedy with Harry Hill, inspired by viewers' clips.

**7.00 The Chase: Celebrity Special.** Bradley Walsh is joined by Claire Richards from Steps, musician and presenter Rowland Rivron, rugby union star James Haskell and Blue singer Antony Costa.

**8.00 The X Factor.** The fight for a recording contract continues as the remaining contestants perform tracks from the 1980s in the second live studio round. During 80s Week last year, eventual winner Sam Bailey belted out *The Power of Love* – originally a hit for Jennifer Rush – winning praise from the panel and audience alike, but how will this year's line-up cope with the decade's finest power ballads? Dermot O'Leary provides much-needed support on stage, while Simon Cowell, Cheryl, Mel B and Louis Walsh take their seats behind the judges' desk to cheer on their own acts.

**10.20 The Jonathan Ross Show.** New series. The host is joined by X Factor judge Cheryl and Mel B, legendary naturalist David Attenborough and Hollywood actor Steve Carrell.

**11.25** ITV News: Weather.

**11.40 Film: The Hitcher.** (2007) A psychotic hitch-hiker targets a couple who unwittingly give him a lift, and frames them for a series of roadside murders. Horror remake, starring Sean Bean.

**1.10** Jackpot247. **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **3.45** ITV4 Nightscreen.

## CHANNEL 4

**6.10** Trans World Sport. **7.00** Hever Castle Trialblitz. **7.55** The Morning Line. **9.00** Weekend Kitchen. **10.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. **10.30** Frasier. **11.00** Frasier. **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. **11.55** The Big Bang Theory. **12.25** The Simpsons. **12.55** Gadget Man. **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage of British Champions Day at Ascot. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. **5.35** Come Dine with Me. **6.00**

**6.00 Come Dine with Me.** American army wife Adrena Austin hosts the third party in Colchester. **11.00**

**6.30 Come Dine with Me.** James Coe throws the fourth party in Colchester, and while his incessant discussion of money proves off-putting, the prospect of a dip in the host's hot tub improves moods. **11.00**

**7.00 Come Dine with Me.** Vegetarian Jodie Edzeikel hosts the final dinner party in Colchester, and tries to please her guests by serving them meat, if she can bring herself to touch it. **11.00**

**7.30 Channel 4 News.**

**8.00 Grand Designs.** Kevin McColl follows software executive Andy and garden designer Nicki, who are planning to build a "floating" house on the Thames, which would be the first of its kind in the UK. Their architect has come up with an ambitious, experimental design that would see the whole property magically rise up with the flood waters. However, no one knows whether it will work, and the project soon becomes bogged down in the logistical challenges of bringing to fruition such a complex structure on a small island that is only accessible by a narrow footbridge. **11.00**

**9.00 Film: Fast Five.** (2011) Criminal Dominic Toretto is broken out of prison by his partners in crime and together they flee to South America. They begin assembling a gang of crooks to carry out a heist in Rio, but the FBI's top manhunter is in the country and hot on their trail. Action adventure, the fifth in the Fast & Furious series, starring Vin Diesel, Jordana Brewster, Paul Walker and Dwayne Johnson.

**11.35 Rude Tube.** Alex Zane presents 50 of the internet's most entertaining stunts. **11.00**

**12.40 Film: Silent Hill.** (2006) **2.45** Hollyoaks. **4.50** NFL: Hard Knocks. **5.45** NFL: Rush Zone.

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.35** World's Most Pampered Pets. **11.30** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. **12.30** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. **1.30** Film: They Were Expendable. (1945) Second World War drama, with John Wayne. **4.10** Film: Mosquito Squadron. (1968) Second World War drama, starring David McCallum. **5.55** Film: Ambush Bay. (1966) Second World War adventure, starring Mickey Rooney.

**7.55 World War II in Colour.** In September 1940, Italian leader Benito Mussolini's armies advanced into Egypt and opened up a completely new theatre of war. The British were outnumbered by more than 10 to one, but soon pushed the Axis forces back hundreds of miles and Hitler had to send Field Marshal Erwin Rommel and the Afrika Korps to rescue his ally. Alongside the campaign on the ground, Mussolini staged an epic naval and air war in the Mediterranean, which saw the British fighting to hold on to the strategically vital island of Malta. **11.00**

**8.55 5 News Weekend.**

**9.00 Film: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly.** (1966) A laconic gunslinger, a ruthless hired killer and a cunning outlaw hunt for a cache of loot during the chaos of the American Civil War. However, each is privy to only part of the information necessary to find it, setting in motion a series of deadly betrayals. The third film in Sergio Leone's Spaghetti Western trilogy, starring Clint Eastwood as the Man with No Name, with Lee Van Cleef and Eli Wallach.

**12.25** Gotham. Crime thriller based on characters from the Batman comics, following James Gordon's rise from rookie detective to police commissioner. Starring Ben McKenzie. **1.25** SuperCasino. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. **3.10** The Gadget Show. Oris, Jason and Amy use a motion-tracking technology to help knock down a building, while 2012 Britain's Got Talent winners Ashleigh and Pudsey help test canine devices. **4.00** House Doctor. Ann Maurice visits a cottage in Co Durham that has been on the market for eight months. **4.25** Make It Big. **5.15** Angels of Jarm. **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. **11.00**

## DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**7.00** Great Movie Mistakes 2: The Sequel  
**8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Film: Little Fishers (2010) **10.30** Live at the Apollo **11.05** Family Guy **1.40** Bad Education **2.10** The Revolution Will Be Televised **2.40** Seann Walsh's Late Night Comedy Spectacular 2014 **3.40** Flat TV **4.00** Close

**BBC Four**  
**7.00** Edward VII: Prince of Pleasure **8.00** The Horizon Guide to Space Shuttles **9.00** The Code **10.55** Northern Soul: Living for the Weekend **11.55** Motown at the BBC **12.55** The Sky at Night **1.25** The Horizon Guide to Space Shuttles **2.25** Edward VII: Prince of Pleasure **3.25** Close

**ITV2**  
**11.05** Ariana Grande: The Hot Desk **11.20** Film: Babe: Pig in the City (1998) **1.10** Film: Junior (1994) **3.20** Totally You've Been Framed! **4.25** The Best of You've Been Framed! **5.25** You've Been Framed! **5.55** Film: Arthur and the Great Adventure (2009) **8.00** Film: Back to the Future (1985) **10.20** The Xtra Factor **11.20** Celebrity Juice **12.10** The Job Lot **12.35** The X Factor **2.45** Teleshopping

**ITV3**  
**12.25** The Darling Buds of May **2.50** A Touch of Frost **4.45** Wycliffe **5.55** Inspector Morse **8.00** Rosemary & Thyme **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** A Touch of Frost **1.00** Bomb Girls **1.50** Movies Now **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen

**ITV4**  
**11.35** The Professionals **12.40** Film: A Reason to Live. A Reason to Die (1972) **2.30** British Touring Car Championship Highlights **4.00** Storage Wars **5.25** Film: Superman II (1980) **8.00** Film: Octopussy (1983) **10.40** Film: Universal Soldier: Day of Reckoning (2012) **12.55** The Professionals **2.00** Cheers **2.25** Tommy Cooper **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen

**E4**  
**11.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **12.00** The 100 **1.00** Film: Avian and the Chipmunks (2007) **3.00** Made in Chelsea **4.00** Melissa & Joey **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **6.00** How I Met Your Mother **7.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **7.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: Shooter (2007) **11.35** The Inbetweeners **12.35** How I Met Your Mother **2.30** Rules of Engagement **3.15** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD

**Film4**  
**11.00** Broken Lance (1954) **1.00** Cocoon: The Return (1988) **3.20** Aliens in the Attic (2009) **5.00** Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (2011) **6.55** Mad Money (2008) **9.00** The King's Speech (2010) **11.20** Frozen (2010) **1.10** Dog Pound (2010) **3.05** Close

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CHOICE



**Lacey Turner**  
**Our Girl (BBC1, 9pm)**  
Lacey Turner has proved she is a fine actress time and again while portraying troubled Stacey Slater in EastEnders. But Our Girl has given her a chance to stretch herself even further. Sadly, the series draws to a close with this episode, but it's one that leaves viewers wondering what will happen to her character, Molly Dawes, so hopefully another run will be heading our way in the near future. Here, Molly returns from Afghanistan, and with difficult questions raining down upon her, it's clear that the things she's seen and heard there have had a life-changing impact. The devastating attack on Captain James and Smurf has left this soldier picking up the threads of her life and weaving them into some kind of future – but what will that entail?

BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast. 7.30 Match of the Day.** (R) **9.00 The Andy Murray Show. 10.00 Sunday Morning Live. 11.00 Sunday Politics. 12.15 MOTD2 Extra. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 2.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 3.00 Talk to the Animals. (R) 4.00 Points of View. 4.15 Lifetime. 4.25 Songs of Praise. 5.00 Pointless Celebrities. (R) 5.50 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.**

**6.20 Countryfile: Autumn Special.** Seasonal edition in which the team finds out how autumn marks a time of transformation for the countryside. Matt Baker finds out how conkers are under attack from tiny predators, Ellie Harrison goes foraging in the forest with leading chef Raymond Blanc and weatherman John Hammond reveals the science behind the season during a canoe trip down the River Wye with Tom Heap. Adam Henson visits a turkey farm that's ensuring its birds will be safe on bonfire night and cameraman Richard Taylor-Jones heads to Skomer in search of autumn's newest arrivals – grey seal pups.

**7.20 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results.** Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman reveal which couples are in the dance-off, leaving their fates in the hands of the judges, and Lady Gaga and Tony Bennett perform a duet.

**8.00 Antiques Roadshow.** Fiona Bruce and the team visit Chenies Manor near Amersham in Buckinghamshire, where items include a painting by one of Britain's first modern artists and a Star Wars helmet.

**9.00 Our Girl.** Molly faces difficult decisions as she returns home from Afghanistan, struggling to pick up the pieces after the devastating attack on the Captain and Smurf. Last in the series.

**10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.**

**10.30 Match of the Day 2.** Mark Chapman presents action from the latest Premier League matches.

**11.30 The Apprentice.** Alan Sugar begins another search for a business partner, offering a fresh group of candidates the chance to win an investment to get their idea off the ground. (R)

**12.30 The Apprentice. (R) 1.30 Weather for the Week Ahead. 1.35 BBC News.**

BBC2

**6.00 Great British Garden Revival. (R) 7.00 The Garden. (R) 8.00 Gardening World. (R) 8.30 The Beechgrove Garden. 9.00 The Football League Show. (R) 10.20 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 11.50 The Great British Bake Off Masterclass. (R) 12.50 The Great British Bake Off Masterclass. (R) 1.50 Lorraine Pascal: How to Be a Better Cook. (R) 2.20 Film: Seven Years in Tibet. (1997) Fact-based drama, starring Brad Pitt. 4.30 Coast. (R) 5.00 Flog It! (R)**

**6.00 Inside the Animal Mind.** Combining remarkable demonstrations of abilities with revealing photography, Chris Packham travels the world to uncover the secrets of animals' intelligence, emotions and self-awareness. The first episode explores the remarkable ways creatures use their senses, examining how dogs' powerful ability to detect scent creates a bizarre alternative reality for them. (R)

**7.00 Human Universe.** In episode two, Professor Brian Cox is off to India, where he assesses arguably the first evidence of rational thought in literature – the poetry of the Vedic monks. They pondered mankind's origins, realising there must have been a day with no yesterday – a day of creation – prompting the age-old question of where did the universe come from? Brian marvels that we live in a universe that seems to follow rules – the laws of physics. Rules that have allowed us to consider space on the grandest scale, travelling to the most distant, farthest reaches of the cosmos just by using our minds. (R)

**8.00 Wonders of the Monsoon.** The winds turn dry and bring drought, and as predators attack those animals that gather at precious waterholes, a bearded pig hunts for seafood and nomads haggle over camels.

**9.00 Sacred Rivers with Simon Reeve.** The adventurer travels along the Yangtze in China, seeing ancient rock carvings and the biggest power station on the planet before arriving in Shanghai.

**10.00 Film: Cast Away. (2000)** Adventure drama, with Tom Hanks and Helen Hunt.

**12.15 Film: Good Hair. (2009) 1.45 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) 2.45 Holby City. (R) 3.45 This is BBC Two.**

ITV

**6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. 6.25 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.35 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.40 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) 6.50 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) 7.05 Canimals. (R) 7.10 Canimals. (R) 7.20 Sooty Stories: Share a Story. (R) 7.25 Sooty. (R) 7.40 Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) 7.50 Ultimate Spider-Man. 8.20 Horrid Henry. 8.30 Big Time Rush. 9.00 The Aquabats! Super Show! 9.25 Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) 10.25 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 11.25 ITV News; Weather. 11.35 Film: Carry On Up the Jungle. (1970) 1.25 All Star Family Fortunes. (R) 2.10 The X Factor. (R) 4.30 Downtown Abbey. (R) 5.30 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. (R) 6.30 Regional Programme; Weather. 6.45 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Sunday Night at the Palladium. Rob Brydon introduces music by Neil Diamond, Paloma Faith and Texas, and comedy from Milton Jones and Daniel Sloss. 8.00 The X Factor Results. The tension in the studio is palpable as the contestants learn their fate, and Dermot O'Leary introduces performances by some of the biggest names in the charts. 9.00 Downtown Abbey. There is chemistry aplenty between Richard E Grant and Elizabeth McGovern, perhaps because they previously played a married couple in the BBC's Scarlet Pimpernel series in 1998. Their Downtown characters – art expert Simon Bricker and Lady Cora – have grown close over the past few weeks, and their flirting reaches boiling point in the latest episode. She's enjoying the attention he gives her, but is he about to cross a line – and does she want him to? Cora's eldest child, Mary, is also enjoying male company, this time that of Charles Blake, who's about to do her a big favour. 10.05 ITV News; Weather. 10.25 Perspectives: Paul O'Grady: Gypsy Rose Lee – the Queen of Burlesque. Paul O'Grady travels to New York to explore the life of burlesque performer Gypsy Rose Lee, who emerged from childhood stardom to become a celebrated striptease artist in the 1930s. (R) 11.25 Piers Morgan's Live Stories: Donny Osmond. (R) 12.20 The Store. 2.35 Motorsport UK. 3.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) 4.15 ITV Nightscreen. 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)**

CHANNEL 4

**6.10 NFL: The American Football Show. (R) 7.00 Yorkshire Marathon. 7.55 Ceebe Gogglebox and More: The Best Bits of SU2C. 9.30 Sunday Brunch. 12.30 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) 1.30 Deal or No Deal. 2.30 Fifteen to One. 3.30 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 3.55 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 4.25 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 4.50 Film: Journey to the Center of the Earth. (2008) Fantasy adventure, starring Brendan Fraser. 6.35 Channel 4 News. 7.05 Post Prawn. James Constantinou meets a friend in Spain about a £100,000 loan on a luxury yacht, while a widow considers parting with her late husband's vintage car. Last in the series. (R) 8.00 Hitler's Hidden Drug Habit: Secret History. Obviously today nobody would attempt to paint Hitler in a positive light, but during the Nazi era, he rose to power and popularity for a reason. He was portrayed to the German people as a great man, one who was in control of his own destiny and that of his country, and who was infallible – all but a super-human. Unsurprisingly, this was far from the truth. However, the facts, which this documentary gleams from his physician's diaries, are more remarkable than any fiction. It transpires that the leader was in fact a hypochondriac and a nervous wreck, who became increasingly dependent on a cocktail of drugs including powerful stimulants and depressants – uppers and downers – as well as all manner of pseudo-medical 'cures' for real and imagined illnesses. 9.00 Homeland. Carrie heads back to the US for an official inquiry, where she continues to struggle with her ambivalence toward motherhood. Meanwhile, Quinn spirals further out of control, and a disgraced former case officer reveals disturbing new information. 10.05 Film: The Adjustment Bureau. (2011) A politician discovers shadowy figures are manipulating his life and tries to resist the fate they have planned for him. Sci-fi thriller, starring Matt Damon and Emily Blunt. 12.15 How to Be a Billionaire. (R) 1.10 American Football Live. 4.45 Mobil 1. (R) 5.10 SuperScrippers. (R) 5.25 Deal or No Deal. (R)**

CHANNEL 5

**6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 7.15 Angelina Ballerina. (R) 6.30 Seaside Antics. 6.35 The Mr Men Show. (R) 6.45 Chloe's Closet. (R) 7.00 Olly the Little White Van. (R) 7.05 Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) 7.25 Make Way for Noddy. (R) 7.35 Paw Patrol. 7.45 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) 7.55 Little Princess. (R) 8.05 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) 8.25 Wanda and the Alien. 8.40 Zack and Quack. 8.55 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 9.10 Jelly Jam. (R) 9.25 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. 10.00 Great Birmingham Run. Live coverage of the half-marathon. 12.20 Criminals: Caught on Camera. (R) 12.50 Film: Spider-Man 3. (2007) Superhero sequel, starring Tobey Maguire. 3.25 Film: Bewitched. (2005) Romantic fantasy comedy, with Nicole Kidman and Will Ferrell. 5.20 Film: Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked. (2011) Comedy sequel, starring Jason Lee. 7.00 5 News Weekend. 7.05 Film: Jackie Chan's The Forbidden Kingdom. (2008) An American teenager obsessed with kung fu movies is sent back in time to ancient China, where he joins the battle to free the imprisoned Monkey King. The only problem is he has no martial arts skills of his own, and will need the assistance of two legendary warriors to become the hero he needs to be. Martial arts adventure, starring Jet Li. 9.00 Film: Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves. (1991) An English nobleman returns home from the crusades to find his father has been murdered and the local people are repressed by the tyrannical rule of the Sheriff of Nottingham. Branded an outlaw, he recruits a group of bandits to fight for justice and protect the downtrodden. Action adventure, starring Kevin Costner, Alan Rickman, Morgan Freeman and Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio. 12.05 Film: Highlander. (1986) Immortal warriors must fight each other in duels to the death through the centuries, until only one survives. Fantasy action adventure, with Christopher Lambert and Sean Connery. 2.05 SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. 3.10 Benefits, Babies and Jail. People living on the dole in South Yorkshire. (R) 4.00 House Doctor. A cluttered flat in Hammersmith. (R) 4.25 Make It Big. (R) 5.15 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.40 Roary the Racing Car. (R)**

DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes 8.00 Doctor Who: 8.45 Doctor Who: The Ultimate Guide 9.00 Come Fly with Me 10.00 Family Guy 10.45 Bad Education 11.15 The Revolution Will Be Televised 11.45 American Dad! 12.30 Film: Butterfly on a Wheel (2007) 2.00 Bad Education 2.30 The Revolution Will Be Televised 3.00 Impractical Jokers 3.30 Bad Education 4.00 Close

**BBC Four**  
7.00 The Story of Top of the Pops 1979 8.00 BBC Music John Peel Lecture 2014 with Iggy Pop 9.00 Storyville: Russia's Toughest Prison – The Condemned 10.20 Horror Europa with Mark Gatiss 11.50 Mr Blue Sky: The Story of Jeff Lynne and ELO 12.00 Jeff Lynne's ELO at Hyde Park 2.15 Storyville: Russia's Toughest Prison – The Condemned 3.35 Close

**ITV2**  
11.30 The X Factor 1.50 Nicole Scherzinger: The Hot Desk 2.05 You've Been Framed! 2.35 Film: A Little Princess (1995) 4.35 Film: Miss Congeniality (2000) 6.50 Film: Back to the Future Part II (1989) 9.00 The Xtra Factor 10.00 Tricked 11.00 Bad Bridesmaid 12.00 Film: Funny People (2009) 2.35 Nicole Scherzinger: The Hot Desk 2.45 Teleshopping 5.45 ITV2 Nightscreen

**ITV3**  
11.45 Inspector Morse 1.55 Rosemary & Thyme 3.30 Film: Carry On Loving (1970) 4.55 Film: Columbo: Etude in Black (1972) 7.00 Lewis 9.00 I'll Be Alright on the Night 10.00 Film: The Human Stain (2003) 12.05 Above Suspicion: The Red Dahlia 1.10 William and Mary 2.55 World Kitchen 3.20 ITV3 Nightscreen 3.40 Emmerdale

**ITV4**  
11.10 Highway Patrol 11.40 Ax Men 1.35 River Monsters 4.35 Film: A Reason to Live, A Reason to Die (1972) 6.25 Film: Superman II (1980) 9.00 Film: Jaws 2 (1978) 11.20 Film: Cape Fear (1991) 1.55 Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors 2.50 ITV4 Nightscreen 3.00 Teleshopping

**E4**  
12.35 Made in Chelsea 1.40 Film: Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (2009) 3.30 Melissa & Joey 4.30 Suburgatory 5.00 New Girl 5.30 The Big Bang Theory 8.00 Film: The Day the Earth Stood Still (2008) 10.05 The Inbetweeners 11.05 Rude Tube: Total Stunts 12.10 Glue 1.15 The Mindy Project 1.40 Rules of Engagement 2.35 Rude Tube: Total Stunts 3.30 Hollyoaks

**Film4**  
11.00 The Fighting Seabees (1944) 1.00 Stardust (2007) 3.30 Home Alone 3 (1997) 5.40 The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (2008) 9.00 Kick-Ass (2010) 11.15 Sanctum (2011) 1.25 The Conformist (1970) 3.30 Close

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**MONDAY**  
**The Business, Channel 5, 10.55pm**  
A criminal flees London in the 1980s to start a new life on the Costa del Sol. He is soon drawn into the inner circle of a British gangster living in exile, but his relationship with a psychotic crook's girlfriend threatens to bring his criminal career to an abrupt end. Crime drama, starring Danny Dyer and Geoff Bell. (2005)

**TUESDAY**  
**Stolen Innocence, Channel 5, 3.15pm**  
A woman is rushed to hospital after giving birth to a still-born girl, only to be accused by the police of murdering the child. Demanding to see the midwife who was treating her at home, she discovers the woman was an imposter and is certain her baby has been kidnapped. Thriller, starring Gina Philips and Anna Galvin. (2007)



Out of Sight, Friday, ITV, 11.10pm

**WEDNESDAY**  
**Tornado Warning, Channel 5, 3.15pm**  
A teenager whose home was destroyed by an unusual tornado grows up to be an amateur storm chaser, and investigates when similar freak storms start occurring across the world. He enlists the aid of a meteorologist in getting to the truth, and discovers the strange weather is cover for an alien invasion. Sci-fi thriller, starring Kari Wuhrer and Jeff Fahey. (2012)

**THURSDAY**  
**Mom at Sixteen, Channel 5, 3.15pm**  
A pregnant teenager's well-meaning mother forces her to keep the birth a secret and decides to raise the baby as if it were her own – but the deception raises unforeseen practical and ethical problems for all concerned. Drama, starring Mercedes Ruehl. (2005)

**FRIDAY**  
**Out of Sight, ITV, 11.10pm**  
A charming bank robber breaks out of jail and takes a female US Marshal hostage. Managing to escape, she sets out to track him down as he prepares for one last job – but as the chase intensifies, so do their feelings for each other. Steven Soderbergh's romantic crime drama, with George Clooney. (1998)

**Perfect Creature, BBC2, 12.35am**  
In an alternative version of the 1960s, vampires have lived alongside humans for 300 years. However, the stability of this world is shattered when one bloodsucker returns to his predatory ways, posing a deadly threat to both races. Thriller, starring Dougray Scott. (2006)

## Sarah works her magic once again in new series

Sometimes it can be hard to muster up much sympathy for the people featured on Sarah Beeny's property shows, especially those with a massive budget.

"We can't seem to sell our house," they cry to Sarah, while tripping over dog toys and ignoring the stench of their beloved pet's food in the corner of the kitchen.

Do they really need it spelling out? Okay, maybe we're being a bit too harsh. After all, the housing market is a nightmare at the moment – and the folk we're about to meet in the property guru's latest TV effort know this only too well. In fact, desperate times call for desperate measures.

As Sarah will explain, the way we sell our houses is changing, and by 2020, it's predicted that half of the UK's house sales may be done online. Property websites are now getting billions of hits every year, and pioneer homeowners are shunning the services of the country's 15,000 traditional estate agents and instead signing up with online estate agents to sell their

homes – all in the hope they will save thousands of pounds in fees. But is this the right way to go?

Sarah is making it her mission in this new series to find out the answer to that question, as she meets ordinary homeowners who are taking on the challenge of selling their homes in this way. She will also be offering her practical advice to those who are struggling to sell in these difficult times. Of course we know she can be trusted – her advice is, well, safe as houses.

The presenter has taken a keen interest in the market since she began her own property developing business with her brother and husband. Since then she's found time in her busy schedule to have four boys, create dating website Mysinglefriend, present umpteen hugely successful property series, and renovate Rise Hall in East Yorkshire (during which the many ups and downs were documented).

It's a wonder she's managed to find time for yet another series – but she has...

In it, the featured sellers are taking a big risk by doing it all online – they will have to value their own property, and arrange their own viewings. However, their inexperience could mean they underestimate the market. In short; if they get it right, these homeowner hopefuls could stand to save a whopping amount of money – but if they get it wrong, it could indeed be an extremely costly mistake.

Kicking off the series, Sarah heads to East Sussex where she meets Terri Measures. She isn't able to maintain her listed country cottage, and is desperate to sell up after her recent divorce.

Meanwhile, over in Nottingham, we meet the Watsons. They bought their four-bedroom semi-detached house in a bidding war five years ago, but are now facing selling at a loss.

These families are desperate to sell up and secure every penny they can get, but are they right to shun the high street professionals and sell online?



Sarah Beeny's How to Sell Your Home, Monday, Channel 4, 8.30pm

## BEST OF THE REST

**MONDAY**  
**New Tricks, BBC1, 9pm**

Back in 1983, 16-year-old Amy Taskerland was murdered on the night of the school disco. More than 30 years later, the unearthing of a time capsule and the discovery of her voice on a mix tape inside prompts Miller and co to delve back into the case, starting by interviewing Amy's best friend Harriet and her former teacher Mr Hines. The recording features a strange mix of music and poetry, including words from a speech written in secret for the Queen for broadcast in the event of a nuclear war. But how did Amy get a copy of it, and was its secret nature the reason she was killed? Elsewhere, Miller enjoys her first romance since her divorce, while Gerry goes on his future son-in-law's stag night. Amy Nuttall (Emmerdale, Downton Abbey) and Jack Shepherd (Wycliffe) guest star. Last in the series.

**TUESDAY**  
**The BBC Children in Need Sewing Bee, BBC2, 8pm**

The competition returns for three special editions as 12 celebrities take to their sewing machines in a bid to raise money for this year's BBC Children in Need appeal and inspire viewers to get creative. The first four celebrities to face the expert eye of

Savile Row's Patrick Grant and sewing tutor May Martin as they take on an A-line skirt pattern challenge are doctor and TV presenter Dawn Harper, Hairy Biker Dave Myers, radio DJ and presenter Edith Bowman and actress Wendi Peters. Jenny Eclair presents.

**WEDNESDAY**  
**Surprise Surprise, ITV, 8pm**

New series. Holly Willoughby returns to make dreams come true for unsuspecting members of the public. Singer-songwriter Pharrell Williams gives the surprise of a lifetime to 21-year-old fundraiser Holly Addison from Staffordshire, while 26-year-old Jodi Bickley from Birmingham, who touched the hearts of thousands across the world by writing letters of love and hope, receives a dinner date with polymath Stephen Fry, as well as being treated to a musical performance by American pop star Nicole Scherzinger. Plus, two remarkable foster carers who have taken in more than 250 children are



Surprise Surprise, Wednesday, ITV, 8pm

thanked for their dedication, and a woman who sponsored a boy in Africa through his education meets him for the first time.

**Grayson Perry: Who Are You? Channel 4, 10pm**

New series. The Turner Prize-winning artist spends time with people who are facing a crossroads or a crisis with their identity and represents each of them in some form of art, whether as miniatures, large tapestries, statues or pots. All of the works will be shown in the permanent collection of the National Portrait Gallery in a special display. In the first edition, he meets former politician Chris Huhne, Big Brother's Bit on the Side presenter Rylan Clark, single mother-of-five Kayleigh, who has recently converted to Islam, and Jazz, who was born a girl but has embarked on a course of male hormones to begin life as a man.

**THURSDAY**  
**Life Story, BBC1, 9pm**

Naturalist David Attenborough documents the universal story that unites humanity with every other animal on the planet – the journey through life, and the goal to continue the bloodline through offspring. This edition focuses on the first hurdle any animal will face, surviving infancy. Cameras follow flightless barnacle goose chicks as they strive to find food, leaping 400ft down a cliff from the ledge where they hatched. Meanwhile, in New Zealand, young fur seals have stumbled across a safe haven in which they can learn how to avoid predators, while deep in the Gobi Desert, the long-eared jerboa learns to use its impeccable hearing to catch insect prey.

**FRIDAY**  
**Marvel's Agents of SHIELD, Channel 4, 8pm**

New series. The comic-book drama returns following the explosive first-season finale, and Agent Phil Coulson is ready to start rebuilding SHIELD. Hydra is also on a recruitment drive, with members including The Kraken circling SHIELD. So as the agents try to find new allies, who can they trust – and who has an ulterior motive for getting involved?

## PROPERTY EXPERTS

### Record levels of new buy to let activity according to Love Your Postcode Estate Agents

Buy-to-let investments appear to be back in great demand thanks to an improved investor appetite and greater choice of mortgage products according to Mr Singh director of the recent multi-award winning group

The return of buy-to-let investment is most encouraging in 2014. We are finding that 30 percent of all group sales activity is with investors. With the property being sold and placed back on to the rental market with ourselves.

This is a real delight considering the last 5 years have been very slow and sluggish with a near halt in new activity. Luckily, as anticipated, the UK has come out of two recessions very quickly and fiercely, with numbers now back ahead of the pre-recession levels.

We are finding that the experienced buy to let

landlords are back and growing their portfolios with confidence again and this really is an important part of the market. Research by Mortgages for Business points to a greater uptake of 5 year fixed rate products – a number which has more than doubled since 2012. One year fixed rate deals are more or less obsolete with smart investors now adopting fixed rate deals in order to protect themselves from predicted rate rises.

Investors are conscious of the recent warning from Bank of England Governor Mark Carney that interest rates will go up. However, he has promised they will be materially lower in the medium term

than they have been historically. Nevertheless he has cautioned that a rise will have to be made soon if wider economic problems are to be avoided. It was inevitable that the base rate would not remain at a historic low of 0.5 percent forever. Many investors would have enjoyed a good five year run if they were on a tracker rate.

Lloyds Bank, in particular, are currently offering new customers an iPad mini in the latest attempt by lenders to attract mortgage borrowers. Fixed five year rate deals provide certainty to landlords and with a choice of 128 products on the market today, maybe now is good time to shop around for

that deal.

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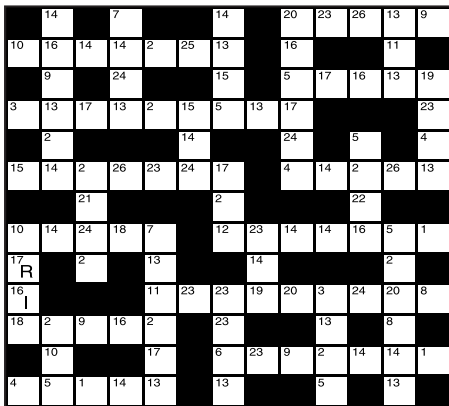
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

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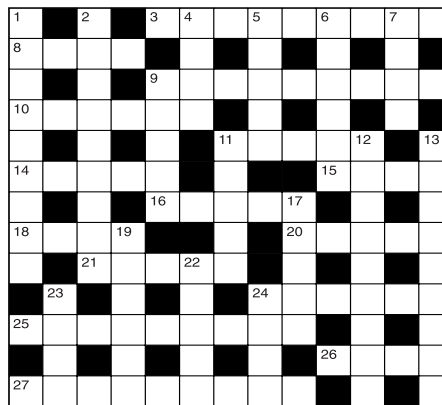
### Cryptic Clues:

### Across

3. An error because of vision (9)
8. Evil may exist thus (4)
9. Company on the move describe race conditions (4,5)
10. Ordinary girl with lion's head (6)
11. Girl seen in a dream - a vision, in fact (5)
14. 50-50 chance of missing tip-top happenings (5)
15. Spiritual charge involving healing (4)
16. Ground heart (5)
18. Goals to finish with (4)
20. It's enough to put a politician in the drink! (5)
21. Games in southern seaside town (5)
24. Relieved of the trouble of painting the resort red (6)
25. The state of the match (9)
26. Rest without fat (4)
27. What the model on trial as professional secretary will do? (9)

**Down**

1. Clumsy person made to bend ruler (9)
2. Business expenses are beyond bosses? (9)
4. 8 covering the features (4)
5. Spirit shown by graduate in dance (5)
6. Sarcastic about metal? (6)
7. As a clue it may be thin (3)
9. Such fleas are not the real thing (5)
11. Worth of 22? (5)
12. Adherent is one to drink beer? (9)
13. Protect worker who stands in the dock (9)
17. Rapacious monster with strings to pluck? (5)
19. Ghostly pluck? (6)
22. Send some more mittens (5)
23. How many are needed by 25? (4)
24. A tailor's bargain? (4)



**Quick Clues:**

### Across

3. Self-possession (9)
8. Needle-case (4)
9. Richer (6,3)
10. Sailor (6)
11. Bush (5)
14. Shelf (5)
15. Correct (4)
16. Pulls (5)
18. Acid (4)
20. Commerce (5)
21. Instruct (5)
24. Brook (6)
25. Haughtiness (9)
26. Sharp (4)
27. Resolve (9)

## Down

1. Stupid (9)
2. Completely (3-3-3)
4. Portent (4)
5. Small piece of land (5)
6. Shoot (6)
7. Break (4)
9. Uncovered (5)
11. Shatter (5)
12. Don't gain or lose (5,4)
13. Don't worry (5,4)
17. Condition (5)
19. Distant (6)
22. Demand (5)
23. Release (4)
24. Look at (4)

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

## LAST WEEK'S

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:  
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Back; 3 Courting; 8 Adam;  
9 Half-free; 11 Drawing-paper; 13 Seize; 14 At  
will; 17 Crossword fan; 20 Academic; 21 Anti; 22  
Detested; 23 Myth. Down: 1 Brandish; 2 Cha-  
rade; 4 Orange; 5 Refractory; 6 Irate; 7 Glee; 10  
Air-hostess; 12 Blatant; 15 Infancy; 16 Awhile;  
18 React; 19 Hand. QUICK - Across: 1 Mole; 3  
Complete; 8 Rage; 9 Disorder; 11 Intermediary;  
13 Garret; 14 Scribe; 17 Schoolmaster; 20 Hon-  
oured; 21 Crop; 22 Preceded; 23 Omit. Down:  
1 Marriage; 2 Lighter; 4 Opined; 5 Provincial;  
6 Elder; 7 Eam; 10 Irresolute; 12 Decrepit; 15  
Interim; 16 Allege; 18 Canoe; 19 Whip.

1. Which disease is popularly called 'the itch'?
2. To which animal family does the Kinkajou belong?
3. Which career did Keats abandon for poetry?
4. What is the governing body of English horse racing?
5. Which country's name, in its native language, means land of the long white cloud?

6. Which French King Louis was called the Sun King?
7. Which bird lays the largest egg in relation to its own size?
8. Who wrote and directed the film High Hopes in 1989?
9. What was the nationality of the artist Paul Klee?
10. What relation of Queen Victoria was Belgium's Leopold I?

**Last week's solutions:**

**Quiz:**1 Macduff; 2 Monkey; 3 Kent;

- 4 Jayne Mansfield; 5 Le Mans;  
6 Rudyard Kipling; 7 Philippines; 8 Leiden;  
9 Aire; 10 Spain.

**Niner: MODERNIST**

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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gives an American state,  
gives a German city,  
gives a place in Cheshire.

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#### WORDSLEY



**LAWNSWOOD DRIVE**  
**£920 pcm\***  
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#### WORDSLEY



**KENILWORTH CLOSE**  
**£650 pcm\***  
Semi Detached Bungalow, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Front & Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking, Garage

#### OLDBURY



**REGENT COURT**  
**£525 pcm\***  
Modern Top Floor Apartment, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, En Suite Shower, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Unfurnished, Off Road Parking

#### KINGSWINFORD



**MANOR PARK**  
**£575 pcm\***  
Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, WC, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Off Road Parking, Front & Rear Gardens

#### WOLLASTON



**LARKHILL ROAD**  
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#### PENSNETT



**COMMONSIDE**  
**£525 pcm\***  
Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Unfurnished, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front & Rear Gardens

#### BRIERLEY HILL



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#### TIPTON



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**WALLOWS ROAD**  
**£595 pcm\***  
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#### KINGSWINFORD



**DUDLEY ROAD**  
**750 pcm\***  
Semi Detached Property, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Large Kitchen/Diner, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Off Road Parking

#### NETHERTON



**WORCESTER ROAD**  
**£575 pcm\***  
Semi-Detached House, Lounge, Kitchen, Downstairs Shower Room, Downstairs Toilet, Three Bedrooms, Front & Rear Gardens, Gas Central Heating, Unfurnished

#### SEDGLEY



**HAMILTON CLOSE**  
**£750 pcm\***  
Detached House, Entrance, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Single Garage, Off Road Parking, Gardens to Front & Rear, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing.

#### WILLENHALL



**MILL LANE**  
**£510 pcm\***  
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## PROPERTY

# This impressive family home has a paddock



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It is for sale through Scriven & Co at £550,000.

It has a porch, reception hall, cloakroom, WC, dining room with a flame-effect gas fire, a lounge with gas fire, a kitchen/breakfast room with an Aga, walk-in pantry, lobby, side hall and family room. There are four first floor bedrooms and a bathroom with a shaped bath and bedroom five/study with shower room off. There are two garages. Contact Scriven & Co on 0121 4224011 or visit [www.scriven.co.uk](http://www.scriven.co.uk)



# Views of Warley Woods from a five-bed house



**A FIVE-BED family home in Harborne Road, Bearwood, has excellent views over Warley Woods.**

It is for sale through Robert Oulsnam at £409,950 with no chain.

With a porch and entrance hall and modern WC, it has a through lounge complete with a marble fireplace and patio doors to gardens.

The dining room has a living flame gas fire and a modern kitchen includes built-in appliances and breakfast bar. There are five bedrooms and shower room, block paved drive and double garage.

Contact Robert Oulsnam on 0121 4299986 or visit [www.oulsnam.net](http://www.oulsnam.net) website.





# New direction with S-Cross

By John Griffiths

**The march of the SUV, or sports utility vehicle, shows no signs of slowing down with several manufacturers announcing their first foray into this field in the past few months.**

SUVs are mainly cars with the tall, chunky looks of the off-roader even if most of them aren't: buyers seem to balance appearances with two-wheel drive to save weight, fuel and costs.

It may be a surprise then that Suzuki, with its iconic Vitara and a history of almost half a century of 4x4s, has gone down a different route with its new S-Cross.

Still in car parlance a crossover (the clue's in the name), it's a family-sized hatchback with two or four-wheel drive options that's relatively economical to buy and run.

Top models have a newly developed and sophisticated four-wheel drive system to suit most conditions while remaining lively and economical – and with prices from £21,549 it costs less than some of its two-wheel drive opposition.

Its ALLGRIP system was made specifically for this car: not as many compromises as the traditional full-blown system in the Jimny, but more flexible than the ultra-lightweight rear differential developed for the smaller Swift 4x4.

It gives the S-Cross extra capability on and off-road, where the main limiting factor is ground clearance. It certainly made light work of the forest tracks and streams encountered on a test route in the north of England, but

unlike a traditional 4x4 remained economical, sharp handling and a comfortable ride on the highway.

There are two engine options, a 1.6 petrol and 1.6 diesel. The petrol version is capable of averaging almost 40mpg while the diesel's figure is a frugal 64mpg. Their 0 to 62mph sprint times are 12 and 13 seconds respectively.

Suzuki's engineers have also come up with an excellent compromise with the suspension: it's supple enough to soak up the bumps on rough tracks yet not so soft as to give you a roly-poly ride on the road. Its dimensions, without the top heavy architecture of some SUV's, helps too.

## Positive

The steering is nicely weighted and positive, and from its road manners you'd never guess this was a car quite capable of roughing it.

It's as quiet and relaxing to drive as any modern hatchback, it's light but particularly stiff body aiding performance and economy while also reducing noise in the cabin.

No-one, Suzuki included, imagines you'd buy an S-Cross for serious mud-plugging: it's more for the country dweller who has rough and muddy lanes to travel, or someone who wants extra safety and security in bad weather.

The ALLGRIP control gives you a clue. The basic setting is 'auto' so the car remains in front wheel drive until they start to slip, when the rear wheels are brought into play too. It's there as a safety back-up while giving you best day to day economy.

The 'snow' setting, unsurprisingly, uses four-wheel drive as the default setting while also optimises steering and accelerator inputs for maximum traction.



The 'lock' mode gives you four-wheel drive for getting yourself out of mud, sand or snow.

Press 'Sport' mode and you certainly notice a difference in the S-Cross. It sharpens up the steering and the throttle response, while automatically diverting another 20 per cent of the engine's torque to the rear wheels – giving you a taste of the cornering abilities of a rally car.

There are 13 different S-Cross models, starting with a two-wheel drive petrol version at £14,999. There are two automatic versions, one two wheel drive and one four wheel drive, with a continuously variable transmission.

The top of the range versions are all fitted with ALLGRIP 4WD and are also the highest trim levels, which explains their price tag of up

to £23,549 for the diesel flagship. The diesels also get a six-speed transmission compared to the petrol's five gears.

The diesel is also the most economical, with an official average of 64.2mpg and 114g/km of CO2 emissions compared to the petrol's 51.3mpg and 135g/km.

The decision, as always, will depend on how much you have to spend and, with diesel up to 10p per litre more expensive these days, how many miles you do as to which is best for you.

It's worthy of note, though, that the 4WD version is only two to three mpg thirstier than the two-wheel drives: surely a measure of just how efficient the ALLGRIP system is.

The diesel does have more advantages for

the driver, though. It is more flexible, thanks to the extra gear, plus a similar 120PS of power but more than double the torque.

While it may look smaller than some SUV rivals, the S-Cross is almost surprisingly roomy inside, with decent leg and headroom for five adults. It also has a generous cargo space, with a 430-litre boot for your luggage, which you can double by folding down the rear seats.

The cabin has a solid, quality feel to it with refreshingly clear and logical controls.

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# Volvo XC-90 is a roaring success

**The First Edition of Volvo's all-new XC90 – 1,927 individually numbered cars only available for sale online – sold out in 47 hours.**

Most of the cars were reserved within one hour from when the sale started. At its peak, seven cars were sold every minute.

UK customers secured 55 of the First Edition models, which will be delivered in April 2015.

An innovative sales launch saw the First

Edition cars, which celebrate the year Volvo was founded, made available to customers online only at [www.volvocars.com](http://www.volvocars.com)

The 1,927 First Edition owners will get a high-spec car with uniquely numbered tread plates and a distinctive badge on the tailgate. UK First Edition models will be powered by a high-performance diesel engine from Volvo's new four-cylinder Drive-E powertrains.

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this in mind let's take a quick look at just two of the many exceptional used cars currently displayed at Halesowen Autos.

We start with the 09-plate MINI Cooper 1.6-litre finished in Silver metallic paint and featuring a black roof. It comes with just 66,130 miles on the clock, air conditioning, a stereo radio/CD player and tinted glass.

The Mini costs little to run, it's stylish and it's really good fun to drive with exceptional handling and roadholding.

Halesowen Autos is now offering this fine example for just £6,795, that's a reduction of £200 off its original list price.

How's that for value!

Next we turn our attention to the fifth-generation, 08-plate Red metallic

Ford Fiesta 1.25 Style Climate three-door with 42,212 miles, a price tag of only £3,995 and a whole host of useful extra features which include Ford's 'Quickclear' heated front screen, air conditioning, alloy wheels, electric windows and a stereo radio/CD player. Always up amongst the UK best-sellers, Ford's Fiesta has always been acknowledged as a terrific driver's car and like the MINI is costs little to run. It's pretty good looking, too.

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# Faster – greener, leaner

By Anthony Martyn

**The all-new Mercedes-AMG C 63 Saloon and Estate were revealed this week.**

Using the 205 series aluminium and steel chassis structure as its basis, the new C 63 adds an all-new 4.0-litre biturbo engine to give it great performance while unique, three-stage adjustable dampers and a bespoke steering set-up allow it to retain the agility that made the model it replaces the most popular AMG ever created.

The technology applied to the new Mercedes-AMG C 63 is focused on enhancing the performance of the car – to make it as exhilarating as possible yet viable to be used every day. The dynamic engine mounts fitted to the C 63 are a good example.

They reduce unwanted vibration from the engine and gearbox by softening during normal driving conditions – when greater agility is required, they stiffen to improve responses through the speed-sensitive, electromechanical steering and limit unwanted movement in the drivetrain.

Likewise, the C 63 uses a unique suspension set-up. At the front it uses four-link suspension, independent steering knuckles and a wider track to improve stability, while at the rear the multilink system uses independent mounts and an increase in negative camber.

Both are linked to AMG Ride Control system, operating through electronically-controlled three-stage dampers – ranging from comfort through to track settings. Useful for when the latter is engaged, a mechanical locking rear differential for the

standard C 63 and an electronic version for the C 63 S.

As standard the C 63 is fitted with 245/40 R18 (front) and 265/40 R18 (rear) tyres while the 'S' model gains 245/35 R19 (front) and 265/35 R19 (rear) tyres.

At the heart of any AMG is its hand-built engine. The Mercedes-AMG C 63 uses the M177 engine – a sister unit to the M178 found in the new Mercedes-AMG GT – displacing 3,982 cc and equipped with twin turbochargers neatly packaged in the 'V' of the cylinder banks and cooled via a special duct built in the bonnet of the car.

Developing 476 hp in standard form and 510 hp in the C 63 AMG S, it's nearly a third more efficient than the engine it replaces yet, in 'S' form, produces more power and emits less CO<sub>2</sub> – from 192 g/km of CO<sub>2</sub>.

## Improve

The combination makes it the most efficient performance engine of its kind.

A heavily revised version of the AMG SPEEDSHIFT MCT 7-speed transmission features on the C 63 – now with significantly quicker shift times to improve responses.

In saloon form, the C 63 AMG weighs from 1,715 kg while the Estate weighs from 1,785 kg (including fuel and the driver).

Matching the changes under the skin are extensive changes to the appearance of the car – both outside and in. New front bumpers with deep air dams to feed the intercoolers are joined by the unique AMG grille and a new bonnet with subtle power domes.

Unique, wider front wings (to clear the wider front track) feature a subtle 'V8 biturbo' badges above a set of similarly discreet sill extensions.



**Technology applied to the new Mercedes-AMG C 63 is focused on enhancing the performance of the car**

The rear bumper is also new, designed to house the new quad exhaust pipes below a small wing mounted on the bootlid and above the tailgate glass on the estate.

Inside, the changes are immediately apparent, with deep, contoured seats set behind a small, unique AMG wheel and recalibrated AMG dials.

The option of AMG sports seats can be specified along with a range of different leather treatments and trim finishes – from piano black to carbon and aluminium.

Buttons for the AMG Ride Control, optional active AMG performance exhaust system and the three-stage gearbox modes are grouped around the standard Touchpad controller, above which is an AMG badge and IWC timepiece.

The Mercedes-AMG C 63 Saloon and Estate are both available to order in the UK from next month, with prices and specifications set to be announced when ordering opens. First deliveries are expected to take place in Spring 2015.



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## Standard

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For customers choosing the BRZ

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This latest introduction to the Subaru stable is further evidence of the specialist Japanese brand bringing improved value to its customers and follows a range of price reductions in the UK including the launch of the new WRX STI at £4000 less than the old model.

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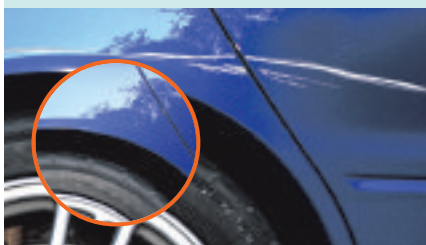
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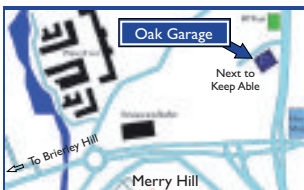
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## DK side go for a burton and win

### DK 24 Burton 18

Perhaps the moment that was most significant in the game was the Kieran Pinches' penalty after 60 minutes.

It took the score from 21-15 to 24-15, meaning Burton had to score twice to regain the lead.

The first half had seen DK start with a series of attacks.

Then on 14 minutes, Burton were awarded a penalty deep in their own half, and the Referee allowed a quick tap which they ran it in for a try.

Three minutes later DK were on the attack again, and an interception by Burton lead to another try.Liam Marshall was able to make a break in midfield and was able to keep his run going to the posts for a well worked DK try, Kieran converted.

Then, with a simple penalty the Burton lead increased again.

Rich Kelley powered through the defence and with a winger's dive crossed the whitewash, Kieran once again did the honours.

Nic Adams was able to appear between the centres and take a well-timed pass and speed to the line for an excellent try, once again Kieran nailed the conversion.

## Pryce is right to take out Dudley

### Team Dudley 1

### AFC Ludlow 2

TEAM Dudley were searching for the first home victory of the season.

The game got under way and the early exchanges were quite even.

With just two minutes left in the half the ball hit the glove of Liam Jones and fell at the feet of Dale Hodge to tap in to the empty net.

With 25 minutes left James Hill crossed to Netleford who moved smashed a half volley into the bottom corner.

Then after half chances to both sides the open game found it's winner. Liam Jones blocked a shot with his feet, the rebound fell to Jack Pryce who stroked past to score.

# Stourbridge take match from late starters

ON Monday the Birmingham league division 3 team hosted Birmingham who had been relegated from Division 2 last season.

As expected, they were strong on the higher boards, but weaker at the other end of the spectrum, particularly as they were travelling.

Julie Wilson seemed to have built up a good attack on board 2, but had not yet broken through, and Paul Sharratt managed to create some pressure against his opponent's castled king, but it was Dave Scriven who drew first blood.

His opponent resigned and Stour had a 1-0 lead. All the remaining games went on

### Chess

past the time control. Wilson had played well but couldn't get through and agreed a draw; then Eric Horwill announced 'mate' as his opponent paid for his late arrival.

Both Steve Jukes and John Foxall were a pawn down and fighting staunch rear-guard action. Sharratt and Wilson then both agreed draws leaving us 3-1 up in a six board match

Foxall then succumbed and lost. This left it all up to board one Steve Jukes. Follow-

ing adjournment, his opponent went away, considered the position and offered a draw which Jukes accepted to give Stourbridge the match.

Monday also saw the Wolverhampton league division 4 team host Mercia, who arrived with a weak but experienced team to face up and coming youngsters.

Unfortunately, Aimee Erb, blundered her queen. She touched it when in check and was then forced to move it. Charlie-Ann Arkell faced a difficult knight and two pawns versus five pawns ending but her opponent went wrong and accepted a draw. Dan Arkell also blundered and lost. Mar-

tin Berridge was last to finish, drawing his game, so we lost 3-1.

On Wednesday the Birmingham league campaign needing three reserves against an almost full strength and formidable South Birmingham B.

Avery good Wolverhampton league division 3 team assembled to start their league campaign, but St George's arrived with an even stronger team. After the first hour of play in the division 1 match, board one Jeremy Fallowfield was ahead slightly, but Nick Arkell, Julie Wilson and Eric Horwill all looked slightly worse.

# Heathens chasing treble prize glory

**CRADLEY Heathens are chasing the treble – and it will all be decided over the next fortnight.**

The nomadic club, who stage home matches at Wolverhampton's Monmore Green Stadium, host Coventry in the first leg of their National League Grand Final on October 21.

The following night they head to King's Lynn for the first leg of the Knockout Cup Final, with the return leg of both the following week.

And on Sunday October 26 they line up in the National League Fours Championship at Coventry.

Boss Will Pottinger admits the team will need to stay focussed with such a hectic end to the season.

He said: "We need everyone to be on form, this is the business end of the season and we also have the National League Fours on October 26 at Coventry to go for," he said.

"We've been the best team in the league all season, but we never take anything for granted and there will be no complacency, we will just continue to give it our best and see what we can achieve.

"Hopefully we can do it all again – that would be an amazing achievement for everyone at the club, but there is a lot of work to do over the next fortnight," he added.

Skipper Paul Starke is also keen to avoid complacency after what has been a stunning season for the side.

"We've had a great season but we can't afford any slip-ups now, so it's important we try and do everything we can to keep our form

by Nigel Pearson

going," he said. "We've showed what we are capable of, but we need to make sure we don't take our foot off the gas because Coventry are a team that can cause us problems when it comes to the play-off final.

"Obviously with how we've performed we are confident we can get the job done, because everyone has been on great form and scoring points all season," said Pottinger.

"But we know we can't get too over confident – anything can happen in speedway so we just need to do everything we can to make sure we finish the job."

Heathens bosses have also added their congratulations to Greg Hancock on securing his third world title.

The American star started his professional career with the club back in 1989 and stayed with them until the end of the 1996 season when they closed down.

"It's an amazing achievement for Greg," said boss Pottinger.

"And I'm particularly pleased as he's always been a favourite rider of mine," he added.

## Glassboys have to do it all over again



Drew Canavan is tackled by Shildon defender Sam Hodgson during the match which ended in a scoreless draw

### Shildon 0 Stourbridge 0

STOURBRIDGE will have to replay their qualifying round after securing a draw in the North East with a gritty performance.

They were hit by injuries which didn't make the task any easier against the Northern League high-flyers but dug in during a game of few chances to get a second chance of victory.

The best chance of the first half

came when Stourbridge's Ben Billingham tried to lob goalkeeper Kyle Hayes but his effort was saved.

Billingham was at the forefront in the second half when he got down the right-hand side but his shot just evaded Kayelden Brown.

But the North-East side had their chances too and Dean Coleman was forced to make three excellent saves, including clawing a lob away from under the bar and stopping a snap

shot from Ben Wood. Shildon also hit the bar through Mickey Rae.

Stourbridge finished with 10 men when Brown went off injured and they had used all their substitutes.

**Stourbridge:** Coleman, Fitzpatrick (Till 67), Knight, Richards, Canavan (Gueyes 76), Harris, Haynes,Wood (Francis 84), Brown, Billingham, Craddock. Subs not used: Smikle, Kalenda, Morgan-Parker, Hill.

## Tivs have to share the spoils yet again

**Stockbridge 1 Tivdale 1**  
TIVIDALE played out their third consecutive draw in the Evo-Stik First Division South but missed chances deprived them of all three points.

Dale were rocked in the 10th minute when Harrison Biggins was allowed to run through and unleash a great curling effort that keeper Charles Price could not get anywhere near as it went into the top left-hand corner.

Tivdale's first attempt on goal saw Danny Ashton fire over with five minutes of the half left and on the stroke of half-time a point blank Dave Bellis header from a Zach Foster free-kick was kept out by a great instinctive save by Steels keeper Liam Flynn.

On 56 minutes Ashton whipped in a cross but forward Jazz Luckie did not predict the bounce and his miscued effort was sent over the bar.

Luckie was brought down on the hour and Tivdale were awarded a penalty which Foster despatched.

He flashed an effort wide of the post on 74 minutes and price was forced into a couple of saves but neither side could find a winner.

In the end neither side could find a winner and so the spoils were shared.

## Late goal splits the rewards

### Ilkeston 2 Halesowen 2

A last minute penalty cost The Yeltz all three points, as high-flying Ilkeston scored a last minute equaliser to snatch a point in Derbyshire.

The first chance Ilkeston had resulted with a goal, as David Morgan's free kick flew into the box and was nodded into the net by Halesowen's own Curtis Tilt.

The Yeltz got the equaliser as Neil Mackenzie chested the ball down and then blasted it into the net.

The second half saw Iyseden Christie gifted too much space and scoring.

But with two minutes of added time left, Halesowen conceded a penalty. Up stepped substitute Rob Duffy to convert.



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## A good run for young athletes

THIS weekend saw some good performances from the young Dudley and Stourbridge Harriers in the first West Midlands Young Athletes cross country league at Warwick.

On a very muddy course and With 120 runners taking part in the Under-13 boys race, Thomas Slater had a great run, finishing in an excellent sixth place.

Adam Horton was 54th, Adam Bodin 69th and Harry Walters in his first cross country race a solid 70th.

In the men's Under-17s race Elliot Jones had a good run to finish 13th, whilst in the girls' Under-13s Grace Slater ran well for 18th in a field of more than 150 runners, with Jasmine Priantoro 81st, Chloe Priest 105th and Niamh Crowe 135th completing the team.

The girls' Under-11s race saw Emmie Corbett and Chloe Everton battle it out all the way round the 1,600 metre course, with Emmie finishing 23rd and Chloe just behind in 26th.

Jay Priantoro was 31st and Reece Ashfield 51st in the Under-15s boys' race and Amelia Davies 85th in Under-15s girls' race.

Completing a very competitive day out for the Slater family, older sister to Tom and Grace, Daisy finished 40th in the Under-17s race.

## Partridge is up for change

DUDLEY'S Ryan Partridge says he's more than capable of smashing through south-paws as he prepares for action at Wolverhampton Civic Hall, writes Craig Birch.

The 21-year-old light middleweight is looking to make another big statement on next week's Friday night, with the BoxNation cameras in attendance.

Partridge, another graduate of Priory Park Boxing Club, made Ben Robinson retire after two rounds on his pro debut at the Venue in Dudley last month.

Now 'the Lion Heart' goes in with experienced switch-hitter Liam Griffiths for four rounds, but insists the change of stance won't knock him out of his stride.

He said: "I used to spar with this lad called Kaz Rogers at Priory for three years and he was a southpaw, so I know exactly what to expect when this comes around."

## Tivs still can't find the scoring streak

**Stafford Rangers FC 0 Tivdale FC 0**  
TIVIDALE played out their second consecutive goal less draw in three days this time against our old foe Stafford Rangers.

It is now feeling like they have to play either Stafford or Leek once a week as this was the third time that we had met in just over a fortnight.

Stafford were intent on taking the game to the visitors from the off and started the better and Christian Dacres tried a speculative effort that went wide in the opening seconds.

The first real chance then fell to Rangers

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midfielder Levi Reid on 12 minutes when his shot came back off the cross bar with Tivdale keeper Charles Price beaten.

On 17 minutes the visitors had their first threat on goal when Karl Edwards looked to be through but Rangers defender Wayne Daniel just cleared the danger with a last gasp tackle.

A minute later Tivdale were on the attack again this time Rangers keeper Adam Whitehouse denying Jazz Luckie but could

only parry his effort to Ryan Winwood who hit the rebound wide. It was the 39th minute before either keeper was tested again this time Price got down well to a Dacres effort and turned it around the post.

Tamely  
From the resulting corner Daniel headed well wide.

The best chance of a very tight opening to the second period fell to Ryan Wynter but after great work between him and Reid his shot had no pace and went tamely into the arms of Price.

Sam Williams then forced another save

from Whitehouse and the keeper then produced another great one handed save, this time to deny Luckie again. While at the other end the lively Stanley Mugisha and Dacres both had shots comfortably saved by Price.

It was not until the last 10 minutes that the game began to get stretched. First Ryan Edmonds headed over the bar for Rangers.

Then Tivdale had a couple of chances in the dying seconds when somehow efforts from Luckie and Nigel Penney were kept out to keep the game and Tivdale scoreless.

## Juniors' sevens heaven

**Walsall U-15s 77 Stourbridge 0**

Walsall Under-15s completely overwhelmed a courageous Stourbridge team. Scoring 13 tries

The Walsall defence was also strong when required. The first half try scorers were, Jamie Harding (3) Nico Watkins (3) Cameron Kirkbride, Ollie and Lewis Towers.

There were two conversions apiece for Jamie Harding and William Hennessey. Both teams were reorganised for the second half which made for a closer game.

Walsall still dominated and tries were scored by Jacob Lay, Sam Garbett, and a fourth each for Jamie Harding and Nico Watkins.

There was a conversion for William Hennessey and Jamie Harding.

**Stourbridge 0 Walsall U-14s 12**

The game was played at a fast pace. Joe Birch secured the touch down. Joe Webster added the conversion.

**Dudley Kingswinford 7 Walsall 39**

Another great team effort from the Under-14s against Dudley. Tommy Cleary scored three tries.

## Tipton end up in Eaton mess

STRUGGLING Tipton were beaten 4-1 by Midland Premier side Long Eaton Utd.

Brad Wells put the visitors in front with a header, then Jordan Blayden conceded a penalty. Lee Fell struck his side's second goal.

Robbie Duffield got one back for Tipton but Fell added his second and Elliott King completed the scoring.

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# STOUR GET HULL OF A RESULT AWAY

Hull RUFC 18 Stourbridge 27

**WITH several regular starters back from injury it was a more familiar Stour lineup that took the field at Hull's Ferens Ground on Saturday.**

Both sides struggled for continuity in the first half hour as play was littered with penalty offences and handling errors.

Stour putting themselves under pressure by missing several touch kicks. But a brace of tries just before half time by winger Stef Cooksammy eased Stour into a lead that though threatened was never relinquished.

Hull were first onto the scoreboard when Stour's back row broke early at a scrum, outside half James Cameron landing the penalty kick.

Hull defenders strayed offside as Stour pressed their first attack into the hosts 22, offering fullback Jamie Hearn an easy three pointer to level the scores.

### Infringment

Centre Ben Barkley was replaced by Gary Dipple.

An infringement gifted Cameron another penalty kick which he converted to give Hull the lead on the half hour.

A chip by outside half Jon Higgins sat up nicely for Cooksammy who was able to ground it in the corner to take the lead.

A penalty award was kicked to the corner and after a set of drives the ball was worked back to Cooksammy who barged over for his 2nd try to make the half-time score 6-13.

Referee Will Halford

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then awarded a penalty try against Hull.

Hull started to generate some continuity in attack and were able to set up an attacking lineup in the Stour 22 just as Matthews returned, prop Mike Jobling at the base of the resulting catch and drive that was trundled over the line to score the hosts' first try.

Stour returned to the attack but were unable to turn pressure into points as the Hull defences held firm.

A spilled pass set up a Hull counter that was worked to Matthews who burst off the cover to run in from halfway, the conversion bringing Hull back within two points with seven minutes to play.

With the replacement benches emptied both sides tried to raise the tempo, Stour coming close but failing to breach the hosts' defences.

The ball was worked wide to winger Nathan Bressington who, having hardly touched the ball all game, gratefully took the pass to round the cover and score the bonus point try. Hearn converted.



Scrum half Joe Murphy prepares to take the ball from a forward

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